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# PREFACE.

HE Grammar of Spoken Irish presents many difficulties owing to the forms peculiar to different places, but as the literary usage embraces the dialects current in different localities, save a few archaic survivals, the literary usage has been adopted as the standard of this grammer.

Modern Irish may be said to date from the end of the 16th, or the beginning of the 17th century. At the commencement of the modern period many forms are found which belong to an earlier period, and many forms which have since grown obsolete, side by side with those by which they have since been replaced. We have deemed it advisable not to introduce into this grammer any obsolete grammatical forms, how prominent soever they may be in early modern literature. However, as students preparing for public examinations are frequently required to read the works of early modern authors, we have added in the present edition an arpendix containing the verb-system of early modern Irish. Such early modern grammatical forms as survive only within a small area are not given in the large type; on the other hand, those grammatical forms generally found in literature, and which are still in use in any one of the three Irishspeaking Provinces, are given in the large print in preference to those more generally used by Irish speakers, but which are not found in literary works. It is hoped that this method may help to popularise Irish literature, and to reconcile in some degree the slight discrepancies which exist between the spoken and the literary usages.

In the present Grammar the letters t, n, and  $\eta$  are reckoned among the aspirable consonants, and  $\gamma$  is omitted

from the eclipsable ones. The declension of verbal nouns is transferred from the third declension to the chapter on the verbs. A collection of heteroclite nouns is inserted. The usual declension of the personal pronouns is not employed, and the terms Conjunctive and Disjunctive pronouns are adopted. The naming of the four principal parts of an Irish verb, the treatment of the Autonomous form of conjugation, the rejection of compound prepositions, infinitive mood, and present participle form a few of the features of this grammar. Among the appendices will be found lists of words belonging to the various declensions, of verbs of both conjugation, and of irregular verbal nouns.

Many of the rules have been taken from the "O'Growney Series" and from the "Gaelic Journal." The grammars of Neilson, O'Donovan, Bourke, Craig, and of many other authors, have been consulted. The chapter on the classification of the uses of the prepositions is based on Dr. Atkinson's edition of Keating's Thi Dion-Zaoite an Dair. Some of the sentences which illustrate the rules have been culled, with the author's permission, from the Mion-Caint of the Rev. Peter O'Leary, P.P.

In the present edition the enunciation of the rule Caot te caot 7 teatan te teatan has been modified so as to bring it more into harmony with the spoken language. The sections on the Relative pronouns, Demonstrative pronouns, Adverbs, and Conjunctions have been greatly enlarged and improved. A large collection of Idiomatic expressions and an exhaustive Index have been also added.

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## PART I .- ORTHOGRAPHY.

## CHAPTER I.

#### The Letters.

1. The Irish alphabet contains eighteen letters, five of which are vowels, the remaining thirteen are consonants.

The vowels are s, e, 1, o, u; and the consonants are b, c, b, r, 5, h, t, m, n, p, p, p, r, c.

- 2. The vowels are divided into two classes.
  - (1) The broad vowels: A, o, u.
  - (2) The slender vowels: e, 1,

The vowels may be either long or short. The long vowels are marked by means of an acute accent (') placed over the vowel, as mon (big) pronounced like the English word more; a short vowel has no accent, as mot (praise), pronounced like mul in the English word mulberry. Carefully distinguish between the terms "broad vowel" and "long vowel." The broad vowels (a, o, u) are not always long vowels, neither are the slender vowels (e, 1) always short.

In writing Irish we must be careful to mark the accents on long vowels. See words distinguished by accent, par. 14.

3.	Sounds of th	e Yowels.
The Irish vowel	is sounded like	in the words
á long	au	naught
	es in	báo (baudh), boat
a short	0	not
	"	5lar (gloss), green
é long	ae	Gaelic
	11	ché (kir-aé), clay
e short	θ	let
	11	ce (t'ye), hot
ī	66	feel
	11	máitín (mawil-een), little bag
1	i	hit
	11	rin (fir), men
Ó	ō	note
		món (mör), big, large
0	ŏ, ŭ	dŏne or much
	31	vopar (dhur-us), a door
ű	00	tool
		51ún (gloon), a knee
u	u	bull or put
	11	uμγα (ursu), a door-jamb

A short vowel at the end of an Irish word is always pronounced.

## The Digraphs.

4. The following list gives the sounds of the digraphs in Modern Irish. The first five are always long and require no accent. The others are sometimes long and sometimes short, hence the accent ought not to be omitted.\*

<sup>\*</sup> Since but few words, and these well-known, have eo short it is not usual to write the accent on eo long.

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is pronounced like ee-a as Ois (dyee-a), God.
                       oo-a ,, ruan (foo-ar), cold.
ua
                             ", reun (faer), grass.
eu or AA
                       ae
                             .. Laete (lae-he), days.
4e
                       ae
                       ae
                             .. oson (dhaer), dear.
40
           ,,
                            " ceot (k-yōl), music.
eó
                       VÓ
                            " riú (few), worthy.
                       ew
1ű
           9.7
                     au+i, cáin (kau-in), a tax.
Ã1
           ,,
                     ae+i ., teim (Ivae-im), a leap.
é1
                      ō+ĭ " moin (mō-in), a bog.
Ó1
           22
                     oo+i,, ruit (soo-il), an eye.
Ú1
           22
                            " cairteán (kosh-laan*),
eá
                       aa
           22
                                                a castle.]
                            " rion (feer), true.
fo
                      ee
           ,,
                               tair (thaish), damp.
41
                       a
           ,,
                               rean (far), a man.
84
                            ,, eite (el-ĕ), other.
                       А
61
           22
                            ., cost (thŭ-il), a will.
                     ŭ+i
01
           22
                               rior (fiss), knowledge.
10
                       i
           ,,
                              uirse (ish-ge), water.
ui
                            " oeoć (d'yukh), a drink.
                       ŭ
60
           .,
                            " cozai (kō-thee), coats.
Ai (= Aioe) .,
                       ee
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## The Trigraphs.

5. There are six trigraphs in Irish. They are pronounced as follows:—

Ao1 = ee paoi (see) = a wise man. eoi =  $\bar{o} + \tilde{i}$  opeoitín (d'r $\bar{o}$ -il-een) = a wren.

<sup>·</sup> Also pronounced kosh-laun.

edi = aa+ĭ carrtedin(kosh-laain)=castles.

ai\* = eea+ĭ tiaiţ (lee-ĭh)=a physician.

nai† = oo+ĭ ruain (foo-ĭr)=found.

uu = ew+i ciuin (kew-ĭn)=calm.

#### The Consonants.

- The consonants are usually divided into two classes.
  - (1) The liquids-t, m, n, p.
  - (2) The mutes—b, c, o, r, 5, p, r, c.

The letter n is not given, for n is not usually recognised as an Irish letter. It can be used only as a sign of aspiration, or at the beginning of a word, to separate two vowel sounds.

Some grammarians divide the consonants into labials, dentals, palatals, gutturals, sibilants, &c., according to the organs employed in producing the sound.

7. Every Irish consonant has two natural; sounds, according as it is broad or slender.

An Irish consonant is broad whenever it immediately precedes or follows a broad vowel (a, o, u) An Irish consonant is slender whenever it immediately precedes or follows a slender vowel (e, 1).

8. The Irish consonants, when broad, have a much

<sup>·</sup> Pronounced like ille in the French word fille.

<sup>†</sup>It cannot be proper p represented by any English sound. It is somewhat like oue in the French word ouest.

Other sounds will be treated of under the heading "Aspiration."

thicker sound than in English; e.g.  $\sigma$  broad has nearly the sound of th in thy, i.e. d+h;  $\tau$  broad has nearly the sound of th in threw, &c. When slender the Irish consonants (except r) have somewhat the same sound as in English; but when they are followed by a slender vowel, they are pronounced somewhat like the corresponding English consonant followed immediately by a y, e.g. ceot (rusic) is pronounced k'  $y\bar{\sigma}$ l; beo (alive)=b'y $\bar{\sigma}$ .

It must not, however, be understood that there is a "y sound" in the Irish consonant. The peculiar sound of the Irish consonants when followed by a slender vowel is fairly well represented by the corresponding English consonant+an English "y sound." In some parts of the country this "y sound" is not neard. The y is only suggestive, and is never heard as a distinct sound.

#### Combination of the Consonants.

9. There are certain Irish consonants which, when they come together in the same word, do not coalesce, so that when they are uttered a very short obscura vowel sound is heard between them.

This generally occurs in the case of two liquids or a liquid and a mute. Thus bate (dumb) is pronounced boll-uv; teane (a child) is lyan-uv; vopca (dark) is dhur-uchu; mapsao (a market) is mor-ugu.

The following combinations do not coalesce: cn, to, ts, tm, nb, nb, ns, nn, tm, nb, nm, nm, nc, nc.

10. In some combinations, one of the consonants is silent.

ot is pronounced like tt on ,, nn no ,, nn tn ... tt

Thus, cootao (sleep) is pronounced kullu.

ceuona (same) ,, kaenŭ. gpanoa (ugly) ,, graun-ŭ. aitne (beauty) ,, aul-yě.

Notice the difference between n5 and 5n.

tons (a ship) is pronounced lung. sno (work) ,, gun-o.

11. Only three of the Irish consonants, viz. the liquids t, n, n may be doubled. This doubling can take place only at the end or the middle of words, but never at the beginning. The double liquids have quite distinct sounds from the single, except in Munster, where, in some positions, double liquids influence vowels. This doubling at the end of a word does not denote shortness of the preceding vowel, as in English: in fact, it is quite the opposite; e. g. ea in reapp (better) is longer than ea in reap (a man).

In Irish there is no double consonant like the English x, which=ks.

#### Accent.

12. The only accent sign used in writing Irish is the acute accent placed over the long vowels, and over

the long sounds of those diphthongs, which may be sometimes short. This sign is not intended to mark the syllable on which the stress of the voice falls.

13. In simple words of two syllables the tonic accent is usually upon the first syllable, as agur (óg-us), and; una (oón-a), Una: but in derived words of two or more syllables the accented syllable varies in the different provinces.

In Munster the accent falls on the termination or second syllable; in Connaught it falls on the first syllable, or root; in Ulster the accent falls on the first syllable, as in Connaught, but the termination is unduly shortened. For instance, the word carán, a path, is pronounced kos-aún in Munster, kós-aun in Connaught, and kós-an in Ulster.

## The Obscure Yowel Sounds.

Whenever a vowel has neither a tonic nor a written accent, it has so transient and indistinct a pronunciation that it is difficult to distinguish one broad or one slender vowel from another; hence in ancient writings we find vowels substituted for each other indiscriminately: e.g., the word rtanuite, saved, is frequently spelled rtanaite, rtanoite, rtanuit.

# 14. Words distinguished by their accent.

Air, a place.

Air, funny, peculiar (what one likes or wishes).

áp, our; slaughter. an, on; says.

bar, death.

cár, a case.

cero (ceuo), a hundred.

coιη, right.

corree, a coach.

об, two.

rán, a wandering.

réan (reun), grass.

ror, yet.

i, she, her.

téan, clear, perceptible.

tón, food, provisions.

mála, a bag.

mean (meun), a finger.

min, fine.

na, than; not (imperative).

nor, a rose.

rát, a heel.

réan (reun), happy.

rin, stretch.

rolar, comfort.

rut, (gen. plural of ruit)

eye.

cé, a person.

bar (or bor), palm of the nand.

car, turn.

ceao, leave, permission

corp, a crime.

corrce, a jury.

vo, to.

ran, wait, stay.

reλη, a man.

ror, a prop.

1, in.

teap, the sea.

ton, a blackbird.

mala, an eyebrow.

mean, quick, active.

min, meal.

na, the plural article.

por, flax-seed.

rat, filth, dirt.

rean, old.

rın, that.

rotar, light.
rut, before (with verbs).

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ce, hot.

### CHAPTER II.

## Aspiration.

13. The word "aspiration" comes from the Latia vorb "aspirare," to breathe; hence, when we say in Irish that a consonant is aspirated, we mean that the breath is not completely stopped in the formation of the consonant, but rather that the consonant sound is continuous.

Take, for example, the consonant b. To form this consonant sound the lips are pressed closely together for an instant, and the breath is forced out on separating the lips. Now, if we wish to get the sound of b aspirated (or b), we must breathe the whole time whilst trying to form the sound of b; i.e. we must not close the lips entirely, and the resulting sound is like the English consonant v. Hence we say that the sound of b (in some positions) is v.

The Irish letter c corresponds very much to the English k, and the breathed sound of k corresponds to the sound of k (when broad). To sound the English k, we press the centre of the tongue against the palate, and cut off the breath completely for an instant. In pronouncing k (when broad), all we have to do is to try to pronounce the letter k without pressing the tongue against the palate. The word to k, a lake, is pronounced somewhat like k, but the tongue is not to touch the palate to form the k. The sound of k aspirated when slender (especially when initial) is very well represented by the sound of k in "humane."

The Irish g (5) has always the hard sound of g in the English word "go." In pronouncing this word we press the back of the tongue against the back of the palate. Now, to pronounce  $\dot{g}$  (and also  $\dot{v}$ ) when broad, we must breathe in forming the sound of g, i.e. we must keep the tongue almost flat in the mouth.

The various sounds of the aspirated consonants are not given, as they are dealt with very fully in the second part of the "O'Growney Series." It may be well to remark, however, that the sound of p is like the sound of the Irish p, not the English f. The Irish p is sounded without the aid of the teeth.

- 16. Aspiration is usually marked by placing a dot over the consonant aspirated—thus, v, c, v. However, it is sometimes marked by an hafter the consonant to be aspirated. This is the method usually adopted when Irish is written or printed in English characters.
- 17. In writing Irish only nine of the consonants, viz., b, c, o, r, 5, m, p, r, and c, are aspirated; but in the spoken language all the consonants are aspirated.

## The Aspiration of t, n, p.

18. The aspiration of the three letters t, n, n, is not marked by any sign in writing, as is the aspiration of the other consonants (b or bh); but yet they are aspirated in the spoken language. An example will best illustrate this point. The student has already learned that the word teaban, a book, is pronounced lyou-ar. mo, my, aspirates an ordinary consonant, as mo bb, my cow; but it also aspirates t, n, n, for mo teaban, my book, is pronounced mu low-ar (i.e. the sound of y after 1 disappears).

a teaban, his book, is pronounced a low-ar.

a teaban, her book, ,, & lyou-ar.

a teaban, their book, ,, a lyow-ar.

a neanc, his strength, .. a narth.

a neapc, her strength, ,, & nyarth.

&c., &c.

- 19. When t broad begins a word it has a much thicker sound than in English. In sounding the English l the point of the tongue touches the palate just above the teeth; but to get the thick sound of the Irish t we must press the tongue firmly against the upper teeth (or we may protrude it between the teeth). Now, when such an t is aspirated it loses this thick sound, and is pronounced just as the English l.
- 20. It is not easy to show by an example the aspirated sound of  $\eta$ ; however, it is aspirated in the spoken language, and a slightly softer sound is produced.

# Rules for Aspirations.

- 21. We give here only the principal rules. Others will be given as occasion will require.
- (a). The possessive adjectives mo, my; oo, thy; and a, his, aspirate the first consonant of the following word, as me vo, my cow; oo máčan, thy mother; a capatt, his horse.
- (b) The article aspirates a noun in the nominative and accusative feminine singular, and also in the genitive masculine singular unless the noun begins with o, c, or r; an bean, the woman; cá an feoit suinc, the meat is salt; mac an fin, (the) son of the man.
- (c) In compound words the initial consonant of the second word is aspirated, except when the second word begins with  $\sigma$  or  $\tau$ , and the first ends in one of the letters  $\sigma$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\tau$ , t,  $\tau$ . These five letters will be easily remembered, as they are the consonants of the word "dentals"; rean-ināčaiņ, a grandmother; cāč-bāṇņ, a helmet; teiċ-pinginn, a halfpenny; but rean-roune, an old person; rean-zeac, an old house.
- (d) The interjection  $\Delta$ , the sign of the vocative case, causes aspiration in nouns of both genders and both numbers:  $\Delta$  fip, O man;  $\Delta$  mind, O women;  $\Delta$  Seumar, O James.
- (e) An adjective is aspirated when it agrees with a feminine noun in the nominative or accusative sin-

gular, or with a masculine noun in the genitive singular, and in the dative and vocative singular of both genders; also in the nominative plural when the noun ends in a slender consonant: as bo ban, a white cow; mac an tip more, (the) son of the big man; o'n mnaon mant, from the good woman; the capault mora, three big horses.

- (f) When a noun is immediately followed by an indefinite\* noun in the genitive case, singular or plural, the initial of the noun in the genitive is usually subject to precisely the same rules as if it were the initial of an adjective: e. g. up cape, a hen-egg (lit. an egg of a hen); upe cape, of a hen-egg; ctochine, a stone of meal; min coape, oaten meal. The setters o and of are not aspirated after o, n, c, t, r; and r is often excepted, as the change in sound is so great.
- (g) The initial of a verb is aspirated—(1) in the imperfect, the simple past, and the conditional, active voice; (2) after the particles ni, not; ma, if; man, as; and rut, before; (3) after the simple relative particle, expressed or understood: bi ré, he was; no rear ri, she stood; ni runtim, I am not; ni béro ré, he will not be; an té buaitear or an té a buaitear, he (or the person) who strikes; no buaiteinn, I would strike.

<sup>\*</sup>i.e. One not preceded by the definite article, possessive adj., &c. See par. 585.

(h) The initial of the word following ba or but (the past tense and conditional of the verb 17) is usually aspirated.\*

ba mait tiom, I liked or I would like.
b' fearn teir, he preferred or would prefer.

(i) The simple prepositions (except as, ar, te, san, and so) aspirate the initials of the nouns immediately following them: rá ctoic, under a stone; cus ré an teadan vo Seumar, he gave the book to James.

# CHAPTER III.

# Eclipsis.

22. Eclipsis is the term used to denote the suppression of the sounds of certain Irish consonants by prefixing others produced by the same organ of speech.

There is usually a great similarity between the eclipsing letter and the letter eclipsed: thus, p is eclipsed by p;  $\tau$  is eclipsed by p, &c. If the student pronounce the letters p and p,  $\tau$  and p, he will immediately notice the similarity above referred to. Thus p and p are like p and p, except that they are pronounced with greater stress of the breath, or, more correctly, with greater vibration of the vocal chords.

<sup>\*</sup> Except in N. Connaught and Ulster, where this rule applies only to b, p,  $n_1$  and sometimes  $p_*$ 

23. Seven\* of the consonants can be eclipsed, viz. b, c, v, r, z, p, v; the others cannot. Each consonant has its own eclipsing letter, and it can be eclipsed by no other. The eclipsing letter is written immediately before the eclipsed letter, and is sometimes, though not usually in recent times, separated from it by a hyphen, as m-bāpo or mbāpo (pronounced maurdh).

Formerly eclipsis was sometimes shown by doubling the eclipsed letter: thus, a ccape, their bull. Whenever a letter is eclipsed both should be retained in writing, although only one of them (the eclipsing one) is sounded.

24. It is much better not to consider the letter r as an eclipsable letter at all. c replaces it in certain positions, but in none of those positions (dative singular excepted) in which the other letters are eclipsed. In fact, r is often replaced by c when the previous word ends in n, as an cruit, the eye; aon crat, one heel; rean c-site, old Sheelah; burdean cruas, a crowd, &c. Some, however, maintain that r is really eclipsed in these cases, because its sound is suppressed, and that of another consonant substituted; but as the substitution of c follows the rules for aspiration rather than those for eclipsis, we prefer to class r with the non-eclipsable letters, t, m, n, r.

<sup>\*</sup>Eight is the number given in other grammars. They include the letter  $\Gamma$ .

25.	b	is	eclipsed	by	m.
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	A,	
С	33	g.
О	1)	n.
F	7.9	ъ.
5	9.9	n.
p	,,,	ъ.
T	,,	*O 1

a mbano (their poet) is pronounced a maurd.

a scapatt (their horse)	9.9	a göpâl.
Δη ποάn (our poem)	11	aur naun.
ı bruit (in blood)	,,	ă vwil.
a ngiotta (their servant)	11	ang illŭ.
ı bpéın (in pain)	,,	a baen.
a ocatam (their land)	,,	a dhŏl-ŭv.

Although n is used as the eclipsing letter of 5, the sound of n is not heard, but the simple consonant sound n5; therefore it would be more correct to say that 5 is eclipsed by n5.

## Rules for Eclipsis.

- 26. (a) The possessive adjectives plural—ān, our; bup, your; and a, their—eclipse the initial consonant of the next word, as ān ocişeanna, our Lord; bup scapatt, your horse; a mbao, their boat.
- (b) The article eclipses the initial consonant of the noun in the genitive plural (both genders): tama na to-peap, (the) hands of the men.
  - (c) A simple preposition followed by the article

and a noun in the singular causes eclipsis\*: the per an an acapatt, he is on the horse; thing re ten ar bream, he came with the man.

- (d) The numeral adjectives react, oct, naoi, and oeic (7, 8, 9, and 10), and their compounds, as 27, 28, 29, &c., cause eclipsis: react mba, seven cows; oct scaoinis, eight sheep; react b-rip ricear, twenty-seven men.
- (e) The initial consonant of a verb is eclipsed after the particles ca, not; an, whether; cá, where; nac, whether . . . not or that . . . not; 50, that; muna, unless; oá, if; and after the relative particle a when it is preceded by a preposition, or when it means "all that" or "what." The relative preceded by a preposition does not eclipse if the verb be past tense, except in the case of a very few verbs, which will be given later on: an ocuseann cá, do you understand? nac bruit ré cuin, isn't he sick? cá bruit ré, where is it? oubaire ré 50 octocrao ré, he said that he would come; an rean as a bruit au teabap, the man the has the book.

#### The Insertion of n.

27. (a) When a word begins with a wowel, the letter n is usually prefixed in all those cases in which a con-

<sup>·</sup> In many places they prefer to aspirate in this case.

f In colloquial Irish this sentence would be, an reap a b-ruit an teabap arge, or an reap go b-ruit an teabap arge.

sonant would be eclipsed: e.g., an n-anan tacteamat, our daily bread; cuaro Orrin 50 tin na n-o5, Oisin went to "the land of the young."

The n is sometimes omitted when the previous word ends in n: as an an aonac, or an an n-aonac, at the fair.

(b) Prepositions (except oo and oe) ending in a vowel prefix n to the possessive adjectives a, his, her, or their; and an, our; te n-a matan, with his mother; o n-an orin, from our country.

#### The Insertion of c.

- 28. (a) The article prefixes τ to a masculine noun beginning with a vowel in the nominative and accusative singular: as an τ-αταιμ, the father.
- (b) If a noun begins with r followed by a vowel, or by t, n, or p, the r is replaced by a after the article in the nom. and acc. feminine sing, and the genitive masculine, and sometimes in the dative singular of both genders, as an crain, the eye; cead an crasame, (the) house of the priest, i.e.; the priest's house; carrier as ceader o'n creats, they are coming from the hunt.
- (c) This replacing of r by c occurs after the words aon, one; rean, old; and other words ending in n, as aon creats amain, one hunt,

## The Insertion of n.

29. The following is a pretty general rule for the insertion of n before vowels:—

"Particles which neither aspirate nor eclipse, and which end in a vowel, prefix n to words beginning with a vowel. Such is the case with the following:—
te, with; a, her; 50, to; vapa, second; re, six; tpi, three; na, the (in the nom., acc., and dative plural, also in the gen. singular feminine); 50 before adverbs; the ordinal adjectives ending in mat, &c."—Gaelic Journal.

#### CHAPTER IV.

# Attenuation and Broadening.

- 30. Attenuation is the process of making a broad consonant slender. This is usually done by placing an rimmediately before the broad consonant, or an e after it. Thus if we want to make the π of mon (big), slender, we place an r before the π; thus mon. If we wish to make the r of rao (the termination of the 1st person singular future) slender, we write read, &c.
- 31. Broadening is the process of making a slender consonant broad. This is often done by placing a u immediately before the slender consonant, or an a after it; thus the verbal noun of derived verbs ending in 15 is formed by adding ao: before adding the ao the 5 must be made broad; this is done by inserting

a u; minis, explain; minisso, explanation. If we want to make the r of pro (the termination of 3rd singular future) broad, we must write paro. Dualtpro re, he will strike; meattrato re, he will deceive.

Whenever a slender consonant is preceded by an a which forms part of a diphthong or a triphthong, the consonant is usually made broad by dropping the a. Thus to broaden the ain buait, or the n in 50m, we drop the and the we get buat and 50m. The verbal nouns of buait and 50m are buatar and 50mar.

#### CHAPTER V.

Caot le caot agur teatan le teatan;

or,

Slender with slender and broad with broad.

32. When a single consonant, or two consonants which easily blend together, come between two vowels, both the vowels must be slender or both must be broad.

This is a general rule of Irish phonetics. It has already been stated that a consonant is broad when beside a broad vowel, and slender when beside a slender vowel; and also that the sounds of the consonants vary according as they are broad or slender: hence if we try to pronounce a word like reapin, the p, being beside the slender vowel i, should get its slender sound; but being also beside the broad vowel a, the p should be broad. But a consonant cannot be slender and broad at the same time; hence, such spelling as reapin, mátin, and éanin, does not represent the correct sounds of the words, and,

therefore, the device adopted in writing Irish is to have both the vowels slender or both broad; e.g., pipin, maitin, éinin.

This law of phonetics is not a mere spelling rule. If it were, such spelling as reapaoin, malaoin, éanaoin, would be correct. But no such spelling is used because it does not represent the sounds of the words. The ear and not the eye must be the guide in the observance of the rule "caol te caol 7 teacan te teacan."

Two consonants may come together, one naturally broad and the other naturally slender. When this happens, Irish speakers, as a general rule, give the consonants their natural sounds, i.e., they keep the broad consonant broad, and the slender one slender. For instance, the m of com is naturally broad, and the t of tion is naturally slender. In the word comition (fulfil), the first syllable is always pronounced broad, although the word is usually written comition. This is an instance of the abuse of the rule coat te coat. There are many words in which a single consonant may have a slender vowel at one side, and a broad vowel at the other; eq., apin (last night), anior (up), apin (ever), apin (again), etc.

Although the rule coot te coot had been much abused in modern spelling, in deference to modern usage we have retained the ordinary spelling of the words.

#### CHAPTER VI.

# Syncope,

33. Whenever, in a word of two or more syllables an unaccented vowel or digraph occurs in the last syllable between a liquid (t, m, n, n) and any other consonant, or between two liquids, the unaccented vowel or digraph is clided whenever the word is lengthened by a grammatical inflection beginning with a vowel. This clision of one or more unaccented

vowels from the body of an Irish word is called syncope; and when the vowels have been elided the word is said to be syncopated.

- 34. The only difficulty in syncope is that it often involves slight changes in the other vowels of the syncopated word, in accordance with the rule caot te caot,
- 35. The following examples will fully exemplify the method of syncopating words.

# (a) Nouns.

The genitive singular of-

maroin (morning) is marone not maroine obain (work) " oibne 9 2 obaine cappais (a rock) " campse cappaise pıngınn (a penny) " pingne pinginne " pišne pisinne cabain (help) " cabpa cabapa catain (a city) " cathac catanac 22 Larain (a flame) , larnac Laranac .. otann (wool) " olna , olanna burdean (a company) " ບໍ່ແກວ່າເອ buroine ,, bnuitean (a palace) " bnuisne bnuisine

# (b) Adjectives.

The genitive singular feminine of—
randon (rich) is pardone not pardone
relateamant (princely), relateaman , relateaman
atunn (beautiful) ,, attne ,, atunne
aordinn (pleasant) ,, aordine ,, aordinne
uapat (notle) ,, uapte ,, uapate

# (c) Verbs.

Root.	Pres. Indicative.		
COTOAIL	cootaim, I sleep,	not covailin	١.
riubail	riubtaim, I walk,	" riubaitin	n.
ınnır	ınnrım, I tell,	" innipim.	
abain	adpaim, I say,	" abainim.	
Labain	· Labpaim, I speak,	" Labaipim	

The same contraction takes place in these and like verbs in all the finite tenses except the future and conditional (old forms). See par. 298.

A thorough knowledge of when and how Syncope takes place will obviate many difficulties

#### PART II.-ETYMOLOGY.

36. There are nine parts of speech in Irish corresponding exactly to those in English.

#### CHAPTER I.

#### The Article.

37. In Irish there is only one article, an, which corresponds to the English definite article, "the."

There is no indefinite article, so that capall means either "horse" or "a horse."

38. In all cases of the singular number the article has the form an, except in the genitive feminine, when it becomes no.

In all the cases of the plural it is na.

39. The article an had formerly an initial r. This r reappears after the following prepositions, ι, ιπ, or ann, in; 50, to; te, with; τρέ, through. Although this r really belongs to the article, still it is usually written as part of the preposition; as ιπr an teatan, in the book; terr an τρέαμ, with the man.

# INITIAL CHANGES PRODUCED BY THE ARTICLE.

#### Singular.

**40.** (a) If a noun begins with an aspirable consonant (except o, c, and r),\* it is aspirated by the article

<sup>\*</sup> The letters  $\circ$ ,  $\tau$ , and  $\Gamma$  are aspirable in the singular, but not usually by the article

in the nominative and accusative feminine and in the genitive masculine, as an oo, the cow; an bean, the woman; mac an fin, (the) son of the man; ceann an capaut, the horse's head (or the head of the horse).

(b) If a noun begins with r followed by a vowel, or by t, n, r, the r is replaced by τ, in the nominative and accusative feminine and genitive masculine, and sometimes in the dative of both genders: an τράι, the heel; an τράι, the eye; τεαά an τρασμπ, the house of the priest; mac an τρασμπ, the son of the artizan; σο'ν τρασμπ, to the priest; an an τριέιδ, on the mountain.

Strictly speaking, it is only in the dat. fem. that the r is replaced by \(\tau\), but custom permits it in the masculine.

- (c) If a noun begins with a vowel, the article prefixes  $\tau$  to the nominative and accusative masculine, and n to the genitive feminine, as an  $\tau$ -acain, the father; an  $\tau$ -uirge, the water; an  $\tau$ -eun, the bird; an  $\tau$ -uan, the lamb; bann an in-uire, the top of the egg; ruace na h-aimpine, the coldness of the weather
- (d) When the noun begins with an eclipsable consonant (except  $\sigma$  and  $\sigma$ ), the article generally eclipses when it is preceded by a preposition, as an an zenoc, on the hill; o'n brean, from the man. After the prepositions\* oo and we aspiration takes place, not

<sup>\*</sup> For the effects of San and the article, see Syntax, par. 606 (b).

eclipsis, as tug ré an t-airgear voin rear, he gave the money to the man; curo ve'n reur, some of the grass.

#### Plural.

- (f) If a noun begins with an eclipsable consonant the article eclipses it in the genitive plural, as a vean na ocpi mbo, O woman of (the) three cows; Stiav na mban, "the mountain of the women."
- (g) If the noun begins with a vowel the article prefixes n to the genitive plural and n to the nom., the ncc., and dative plural, as tunc na n-uo, the price of the eggs; na n-arait, the asses; o na n-arcio reo, from these places.
- (h) The letter r is never replaced by z in the plural number under the influence of the article.

#### CHAPTER II.

The Noun.

#### I. GENDER.

41. There are only two genders in Irish, the masculine and the feminine.

The gender of most Irish nouns may be learned by the application of a fow general rules.

#### MASCULINE NOUNS.

- 42. (a) Names of males are masculine: as ream, a man; plait, a prince; atain, a father; coiteac, a cock.
- (b) The names of occupations, offices, &c., peculiar to men, are masculine: as ottam, a doctor; rite, a poet; baro, a bard; breiteam, a judge; raistoiúir, a soldier.
- (c) Personal agents ending in our, aure, uroe (or aroe, oroe), or ac are masculine: as resuturoe, a story-teller; bárour, a boatman.
- (d) Diminutives ending in An, and all abstract nouns ending in Ar or eAr, are masculine—e.g.:

apoan, a hillock. martear, goodness.

- (e) The diminutives ending in in are usually said to be of the same gender as the noun from which they are derived. Notwithstanding this rule they seem to be all masculine. Cartin, a girl, is masculine,\* i.e. it suffers the same initial changes as a masculine noun, but the pronoun referring to it is feminine. She is a fine girl, Ir breat an cartin i (not é).
- (f) Many nouns which end in a consonant or two consonants preceded by a broad vowel are masculine: as batt, a limb; tuac, a price; cpann, a tree, &c.

Exceptions:—(1) All words of two or more syllables ending in act or os.

<sup>\*</sup>Do not confound sex with gender. Gender is decided by grammatical usage only.

(2) A large number of nouns ending in a broad consonant are feminine. A very full list of commonly used feminine nouns ending in a broad consonant will be found in Appendix II.

#### FEMININE NOUNS.

- 43. (a) Names of females and designations of females are feminine: bean, a woman; ceape, a hen; macam, a mother; ingean, a daughter.
- (b) The names of countries and rivers are feminine: as Eine, Ireland; an Lipe, the Liffey; an Deanta, the Barrow.
- (c) Words of two or more syllables ending in acc or in 65 are feminine: as ruιγεός, a lark; τριγεός, a briar; mitreact, sweetness; teamnact, new-milk.
- (d) All abstract nouns formed from the genitive singular feminine of adjectives are feminine: as annoe, height—from ano, high; anno, beauty—from atunn, beautiful; vante, blindness—from vant, blind.
- (e) Nouns ending in a consonant or two consonants preceded by a slender vowel, are feminine: as cip. country; onoin, honour; uain, an hour; ruit, an eye.

Exceptions:—(1) Personal nouns ending in one.
(2) Diminutives in in. (3) Names of males, as acare, a father; buacaitt, a boy. (4) Also the following nouns:—buaro, a victory; onum, the back; aimm,\* a nume; speim, a piece; seic, a tright, a start; and roctor, dictionary, vocabulary.

<sup>·</sup> Ann is feminine in S. Munster.

#### II. CASE.

44. In Irish there are five cases—the Nominative, Accusative, Genitive, Dative, and Vocative.

The Nominative case in Irish corresponds to the English nominative when the subject of a verb.

The Accusative corresponds to the English objective case when governed by a transitive verb. The accusative case of every noun in modern Irish has the same form as the nominative, and suffers the same initial changes as regards aspiration and eclipsis.

The Genitive case corresponds to the English possessive case. English nouns in the possessive case or in the objective case, preceded by the preposition "of," are usually translated into Irish by the genitive case.

The Dative case is the case governed by preposi-

The Vocative corresponds to the English nominative of address. It is always used in addressing a person or persons. It is preceded by the sign  $\Delta$ , although "O" may not appear before the English word; but this  $\Delta$  is not usually pronounced before a vowel or  $\hat{r}$ .

# RULES FOR THE FORMATION OF THE CASES.

- N.B.—These rules apply to all the declensions.
- 45. The Nominative case singular is always the simple form of the noun.

- 46. The Dative case singular is the same as the nominative singular, except (1) in the 2nd declension, when the noun ends in a bread consonant; (2) in most of the nouns of the 5th declension.
- 47. The Vocative case singular is always the same as the nominative singular, except in the 1st declension, in which it is like the genitive singular.
- 48. Whenever the nominative plural is formed by the addition of ce, ca, anna, aca, i or roe, &c., it is called a strong nominative plural. Strong plurals are usually found with nouns whose nominative singular ends in a liquid.

Those ending in t or n generally take to or te.

morr,, anna.

#### The Genitive Plural.

- 49. (1) The genitive plural in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd declensions is like the nominative singular, except strong plurals, and a few nouns which drop the 1 of the nominative singular, as ruit, an eye, gen. pl. rut.
- (2) In the 4th declension, and in the case of nearly all strong plurals, the genitive plural is like the nominative plural.
- (3) In the 5th declension the genitive plural is like the genitive singular.

#### 50. The Dative Plural.

- (1) When the nominative plural ends in A or a consonant, the dative plural ends in A10.
- (2) When the nominative plural ends in e, the dative plural is formed by changing the e into 10.
- (3) When the nominative plural ends in i, the dative plural is formed by adding v.

The termination of the dative plural is not always used in the spoken language.

#### Vocative Plural.

- 51. (1) When the dative plural ends in AID, the vocative plural is formed by dropping the ID of the dative.
- (2) In all other cases it is like the nominative plural.

#### III. The Declensions.

52. The number of declensions is not quite settled: it is very much a matter of convenience. Five is the number usually reckoned.

The declensions are known by the inflection of the genitive singular.

#### THE FIRST DECLENSION.

53. All the nouns of the first declension are masculine, and end in a broad consonant.

All masculine nouns ending in a broad consonant are not of the first declension.

54. The genitive singular is formed by attenuating the nominative. In most nouns of the 1st decleration this is done by simply placing an after the last broad yowel of the nominative.

# Example.

55. maon, a steward.

	SINGULAR.	PLURAL.
Nom. & Acc.	maon	maoin
Gen.	maoin	maon
Dat.	maon	maopait
Voc.	a maoip	a maon

56. In words of more than one syllable, if the nominative ends in ac or eac, the genitive singular is formed by changing ac or eac into 21% or 1% respectively. With a few exceptions, the nominative plural of these nouns is like the genitive singular. The other cases are quite regular.

In monosyllables c is not changed into \$; as bruac, a brink, gen. bruac.

N.B.—In all the declensions in words of more than one syllable ac and eac, when attenuated, become at and it; and at and it when made broad become ac and eac. See dat. pl. of mappac and corteac.

#### Examples.

57.	mapeaé, a	horseman.
	SINGULAR.	PLURAL.
Nom. & Acc.	marcac	mapeais
Gen.	mapeais	mancac
Dat.	mapead	mapcaca:
Voc.	a mancais	a mapeaca

N.B.—The majority of nouns in ac belonging to this declension are declined like mancac.

58. uatac, a load, burden.

00.		datae, il loud,	Daracii
		SINGULAR.	PLURAL.
Nom. &	Acc.	ualaċ	ualaise
Ger	1.	ualais	uslač
Dat		ualač	นลโลเรียช
Voc		a ualais	a natais

muttac, a summit; euvac, cloth; beatac, a path, a way; ontac, an inch; and aonac, a fair, are declined like uatac. Aonac has nom. pl. aonac e or aontacte.

59. costeac. a cock.

SINGULAR	PLURAL.
coileac	coilis
coilis	coileac
contead	coileacaib
a coilis	a conteaca
	coileac coileac

60. Besides the above simple method of forming the genitive singular of most nouns of this declension, there are also the following modifications of the vowels of the nominative singular:—

Change eu or éa in nom, sing, into éi in gen, sing,

99	10	9.7		99	é1	"
"	o (short)	3 9		9 9	uı	9.9
10 (	or ea	,,	usually	33	1	33

All the other cases of these nouns are formed in accordance with the rules given above.

# Examples of Yowel-changes in Genitive Singular.

61. eun, a bird.

\$	SINGULAR.	PLURAL.
Nom. & Acc.	eun	ém
Gen.	ém	eun
Dat.	eun	eunaib
Voc.	a ém	a euna

62. Fean, a man.

Nom. & Acc. reap rip

Gen. rip reap

Dat. reap reapaid

Voc. a fip a feapa

N.B.—The gen. of oiteán in island is oiteán; of réan, grass, réin; and of rean, a man, rin.

63. Cnoc, a hill.

SINGULAR. PLURAL.

Nom. & Acc. cnoc cnuic
Gen. cnuic cnoc
Dat. cnoc cnocato

Voc. 4 énuic 4 énoca

64. The following nouns change ea into en in genitive singular:—Leant, a child; near, strength; cnear, skin; and ceare, right, justice. (Curr and cure are sometimes found as the genitives of cnear and ceare).

# Irregular Genitive Singular.

mac, a son,	has	genitive	mic
biso, food,	"	,,,	biró
pian, a track,	,,	>>	piain
rman, a bridle,	71	,,,	rpiai
Duan, Bernard,	Brian	17	Dyna

Head, a person; and éinne, sonne (or sonnesé), anybody, are indeclinable.

65. Some nouns of this declension form their nominative plural by adding e.

NOUN.	GENITIVE SING.	NOM. PLURAL.
aonač, a fair	aonais	Jaontaiże
donac, a fair	2011015	(aonaise
vojur, a door	popar	oulde
éizear, a learned man	éisir	éigre
ainzeat, an angel	ainsil	ainsle
botan, a road	botain	boiche
marquar or (marari), a d	log maoparó	margnarre
rtabpao, a chain	plabparo	rlabparde
mansao, a market	mansaro	mapsaide

- 66 The following nouns take a in nominative plural:—peann, a pen; reoo, a jewel; rtan, a surety cnear, skin; meacan, a carrot or parsnip; veon, a tear; caon, a berry; rmeun, a blackberry; uvatt, an apple (pl uvta); rocat (pl. rocat or rocta); riac,\* a debt (riac, pl. reic or reis, a raven); rseut, news; and bruac, a brink.
- 67. The following take ca, in nom. pl.:—reot, a sail; ceot, music; neut, a cloud; rgeut, a story; cogato,

<sup>•</sup> This word is usually used in the plural; as no put aon paca opm, I am not in debt.

war (pl. costa\*); cuan, a harbour; vún, a fort (pl. vúnca and vúna); ceuv, a hundred†; tíon, a net; ceap a trunk of a tree (pl. ceapta); mún (pl. múnta), a wall.

68. Other nominative plurals—ctap, a board, a table, makes ctain or ctapaca; τουαρ, a well, makes τουαρ οr τουραέα, τουαρμαέα οr τουρμαέα: rtuas, a crowd, makes rtuas; ce.

69. Many nouns of this declension have two or more forms in the nominative plural. The regular plural is the better one, though the others are also used. The following are a few examples of such nouns:—pean, a man (pl. pin, peans); mac, a son (pl. mic, maca); teaban, a book (teaban, teaban); anm, an army (pl. ainm, aima); capatt, a horse (pl. capatt, caipte).

70. The termination -pao has a collective, not a plural force; just like ry in the English words cavalry infantry, etc. This termination was formerly neuter, but now it is masculine or feminine; the genitive masculine being -paid, the genitive feminine -paide. Hence taocpad, a band of warriors, macpad, a company of youths, eacpad, a number of steeds (cavalry), are not really plurals of taoc, mac, and eac, but collective nouns formed from them. Likewise eantait, (spoken form, eantaite) is a collective noun meaning a flock of birds, or birds in general, and it is not really the plural of ean. However, taocpad and eantait are now used as plurals.

Appendix I, gives a list of nouns belonging to this declension.

<sup>·</sup> cogarde is also used.

<sup>†</sup> When used as a noun.

#### THE SECOND DECLENSION.

- 71. All nouns of the 2nd declension are feminine.\* They all end in consonants, but the consonants may be either broad or slender.
- 72. The genitive singular is formed by adding e, (if the last vowel of the nominative be broad it must be attenuated); and if the last consonant be c it is changed into the genitive (except in words of one syllable).
- 73. The dative singular is got by dropping the final e of the genitive.
- 74. The nominative plural is formed by adding a or e (a, if final consonant be broad) to the nom. sing.

#### Examples.

75.	tit, a lily.		
	SINGULAR.	PLURAL.	
Nom. & Acc.	tit	tite	
Gen.	tite	· tit	
Dat.	lıl	Lilib	
Voc.	a lil	a tite	
76.	cor, a foo	tt or a leg.	
Nom. & Acc.	cor	cors	
Gen.	corpe	cor	
Dat.	corp	coraib	
Voc.	a cor	a cora	

<sup>\*</sup> Teac and rtiat, two masculine nouns, are sometimes given with the second declension. We give them as irregular nouns (par. 132).

<sup>+</sup>A foot in measurement is trois, pl. thoiste.

eac,	$\mathbf{a}$	hag.
	eac,	eac, a

	SINGULAR.	PLURAL.
Nom. & Acc.	cailleac	cailleaca
Gen.	caillise	caitleac
Dat.	caillis	cailleacaib
Voc.	a cailleac	a cailleaca

78. Like nouns of 1st declension, the vowels of the nom. sing. are sometimes changed when the final consonant is attenuated in the genitive singular.

The following are the chief changes:— Change 10 in the nom. sing. into 1 in the gen. sing

In words of one syllable change ea into en (but ceape, a hen, becomes capee); in words of more than one syllable change ea into 1.

79.	beac, a bee.		
	SINGULAR.	PLURAL.	
Nom. & Acc.	beac	beaca	
Gen.	beiče	beac	
Dat.	beić	beacaib	
Voc.	a besc	a beaca	
80.	Seus, a b	ranch.	
Nom. & Acc.	SeuS	Zeuza	
Gen.	zc:ze	Seus	
Dat.	Zé1Z	Seusaid	
Voc.	A Seus	a geusa	

#### Spian, a sun.

	SINGULAR.	PLURAL.
Nom. & Acc.	Spian	Smana, Smanta
Gen.	Spéine	Sman
Dat.	Spéin	Spianaid
Voc.	a Spian	a spiana

82. tong, a ship.

tons	tonga
tuinge	tons
tuins	tongait
a tong	a longa
	tuinge tuing

83. rpeum, a root.

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Nom. & Acc.	rpeum	rpeuma (or rpeumaca)
Gen.	rpeime	rneum (rneumaca)
Dat.	rpéim	rpeumaio (rpeumacaio)
Voc.	a theum	a freuma (a rreumaca)

84.	AIC, a place.		
S	INGULAR.	PLURAL.	
Nom. & Acc.	ÁIC	AICE, AICEANNA OF AICEACA	
Gen.	ÁICE	áic, áiceanna " áiceaca	
Dat.	ÁIC	άιτιδ, άιτεληπαιδ, άιτελέαιδ	
Voc.	A ÁIT	<b>Α ΑΊΤΕ, ΑΊΤΕΛΠΠΑ, ΑΊΤΕΛΟ</b>	

The above are two examples of nouns with strong nominative plural (see par. 48).

# 85. In forming the genitive, nouns are sometimes

<sup>\*</sup>Also spelled preum in Munster.

syncopated, as buroean, a company, gen. burone (see pars. 33, 35); buroean, a palace, gen. sing. burone.\*

Irregular Genitives Singular. 86. ctann, a clan, children, makes ctonne, pl. ctanna veoc, a drink, "Deoda oiże, ,, rsian, a knife, rsine, " rzeana bniatan, a (solemn) word, ... bnéithe, "bniatha blátac, buttermilk, bláitéet tatac, mud, mire, Laitée! oabac, a vat. OAIBCO " DABACA ataro, a face, ΔIŠČE " AIŠČE ••

87. Many nouns of this declension form their nominative plural in anna or aca. The final a of these terminations may be dropped in the genitive plural.

NOM. SING. NOM. PL. cúir, a cause cureanna tuib, an herb Luibeanna pert, a lathe neileanna Stuair, a contrivance Stuaireanna béim, a stroke béimeanna ouair, a prize, reward Ouaireanna téim, a leap Léimeanna néim, a course, a voyage néimeanna áit, a place áice, áiceanna, áiceaca tuč, a mouse Luca, Lucanna Teada rsoit, a school rsoileanna (rsolta), rsoil-

Note the dative singular of these nouns, buroin and b<sub>β</sub>uroin.
 †Also btáżaiże.
 ‡Also tażaiże.

NOM. SING. céim, a step ruaim, a sound uaip, an hour, time

rnáro, a street páric, a field reir, a festival NOM. PL

céimeanna ruamanna

uaipe, uaipeanna, uaipeannta phárde, phárdeanna, phárdeaca páipce, páipceanna reireanna

88. Nouns that take aca in nominative plural-

odain, a work
ondio, an oration
rlac, a rod
ticin, a letter
ub, an egg
paidin, a prayer
aicid, a disease

continue, an edgo

oibpeaca
ópáideaca
plata, plataca
titpe, litpeaca
uide, uideaca
paidpeaca

aicídeada, aicídí ciúinaireada

coictibireada, coictibirí

chuarti, a sheathe, a scabbard chuaitleaca

leac, a flag, a flat stone teaca, teacaca, teacpaca

89. The following take ce, ce, or to in the nominative plural; so may be added in the genitive plural:—coult\*, a wood; tuin, a pillar, a prop; tin, a country (pl. tionto); ataro, face (pl. aite); rpeun, a skyrpeunto.

90. Sometimes when the last vowel of the nominative singular is 1 preceded by a broad vowel, the

<sup>·</sup> Cott is also 5th declension. See Heteroclite nouns, par. 131.

genitive placal is formed by dropping the 1, as ruit, an eye, gen. pl. rut; ruam, a sound, gen. pl. ruam, &c.

For a list of nouns ending in a broad consonant belonging to this declension, see Appendix II.

#### THIRD DECLENSION.

- 91. The 3rd declension includes (1) personal nouns ending in 6111 (all masculine), (2) derived nouns in acc or aco (feminine), (3) other nouns ending in consonants which are, as a rule, masculine or feminine according as they end in broad or slender consonants.
- 92. The genitive singular is formed by adding a. If the last vowel of the nominative be 1 preceded by a broad vowel, the 1 is usually dropped in the gen., as cost, a will, gen. cota.
- 93. The nominative plural is usually the same as the genitive singular; but personal nouns ending in our add i or noe to the nominative singular.
- 94. Most of the derived nouns in acc, being abstract in meaning, do not admit of a plural. Mattacc, a curse, and a few others have plurals. placc, cold, although an abstract noun in acc, is masculine.
- 95. The vowels of the nominative often undergo a change in the formation of the genitive singular. These changes are just the reverse of the vowel changes of the 1st and 2nd declensions (see pars. 60 and 78.

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#### Examples.

96. cnám,\* a bone.

SINGULAR. PLURAL.
Nom. & Ace. cnám cnáma
Gen. cnáma cnám
Dat. cnám cnáma
Voc. a cnám

97. pion, wine.

Nom. & Acc. pion piona, piona pion Dat. pion pionato Voc. a pion a piona

98. cmor, a belt, a girdle.

Nom. & Acc. chior cheara
Gen. cheara chior
Dat. chior chearaib
Voc. a chior a cheara

99. reoit, flesh, meat.

Nom. & Acc. peoil peola gen.

Gen. peola peoil peolaib

Voc. a peoil a peola

<sup>\*</sup>Also spelled cnáim in nom. sing.

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bacoin, a boatman.

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

Nom. & Acc. DÁTOOIN (θότηιδολό) ὶηιδολό **δάσδιη, δάσδιηί** 

Gen. bároona Dat. páooin

(δισιηιδολό) δίηιδολό

Voc. a bároóin α βάσσητί (α βάσσητός)

101.

onuim, masc., the back.

Nom. & Acc. Gen.

onomanna ากนาก

poma onomanna

Dat.

Onomannaio minno

Voc.

a opuim a ronomanna

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gneim, masc., a morsel, grip.

Nom. & Acc.

Speamanna Sneim

Gen. Sneama

Speamanna

Dat. Sneim

Sneamannaib

Voc.

a theamanns a Sneim

103. Some nouns of this declension, ending in t or n, form their nominative pl. by adding to or te to the nom. sing. These may add at to form gen. pl., 88--

moin, a bog,

nom. pl. moince

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cáin, a drove, bliadain, a year, cámce bliationcat

<sup>·</sup> moin is also 5th declension. See Heteroclite Nouns, par. 131.

<sup>†</sup> bliaona after numerals, as occ mbliaona, eight years.

104. Some nouns of this declension form their nom. plural by adding nna to the gen. singular. These may drop the final a in the gen. plural:—

#### NOM. PLURAL.

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am, time	amannta	or	amanna
rpuć, a stream	rnota	,,	rpotanna
opuim, m., a back			pomanna
Suc, a voice	Zoća	٠,	zočanna
speim, m., a morsel			Speamanna
cit, or ciot, a	ceata	,,	ceatanna
shower			
ctesp, a trick	cleara	,,	clearanna
anam, a soul	anma	,,	anmanna
oat, a colour	DAĊA	,,	Datanna
ainm, a name	ammne, s	ımı	nneaca, anmanna
marom, a defeat	madma, 1	ma	omanna .

# 105. Other Nominatives Plural. ξηίοτη, a deed, an act makes ξηίοταρτα\* connua, a compact,

covenant ,, connanta

cáint, a tax ,, cánaca buacaitt, a boy ,, buacaittí

ctiamain, a son-in-law " ctiamnaca

teabao, f. f., a bed ,, teabta, teaptaca, teaptacuro, a share, a portion ,, coota, codana

For a list of nouns belonging to this declension, see Appendix III.

Really pl. of ζηιοιήμας. † Câm is also 5th declension.
 ‡ Also spelled teabarc.

#### THE FOURTH DECLENSION.

- 106. The 4th declension includes (1) personal nouns in Aire, Airoe, wide, Airoe (sometimes spelled Airo, wide, Airo, wide, Airoe), which are all masculine; (2) diminutives in in (said to be all masculine); (3) abstract derivatives formed from the gen. sing. feminine of adjectives (all feminine), as the prightness, from the time, generosity, from that; Athre, beauty, from Atwinn, &c.; (4) all nouns ending in vowels, and which do not belong to the 5th declension. To assist the student a list of the most important nouns of the 5th declension is given in the Appendix IV.
- 107. This declension differs from all others in having all the cases of the singular exactly alike.
- 108. The nominative plural is usually formed by adding 1, toe or ata.
- 109. The genitive plural is like the nom. pl., but ear is frequently added in other grammars. There is no necessity whatever for this, because both cases are pronounced alike.
- 110. Nouns of more than one syllable ending in a form their nom. plural in aroe, or ai, as mata, a bag, pl. mataroe, or matai; cota, a coat, pl. cotaroe, or cotai.

#### 111. caitin, masc., a girl.

SINGULAR. PLURAL. or (cartinide) Nom. & Acc. carlin cailini carlini (carlin) " (carlinide) Gen. Cailin " (carlinioib) Dat. Cailin Cailinib " (a cartinroe) Voc. a cailin a cailini

# 112. ciżeanna a lord.

	BINGULAR.	PLURAL.
Nom. & Acc.	ciżeajina	ciżennai(-niće)
Gen.	ciżeanna	tiseannai (-aite)
Dat.	Ciżeanna	ciżeapnaib (-aidib)
Voc.	a tiżeajina	a tiżeannai(-aite)

113. The following nouns take to immediately after the last consonant to form the nominative plural:—

baile, a town plural baitce or baitceaca rloinne, a surname rloinnce ,, muitte, a mule muillee 22 mite, a thousand, a mile milce\* téme, a shirt léince, léinceaca 22 ceine,† a fire ceince, ceinceaca cúinnte cúinní cuinne, a corner

114. The following nouns add te in nominative plural, viz., all nouns ending in the or te—e.g. choice, a heart, pl. choice; also caoi, a way, a method; caoi, a fool; paoi, a wise man; chaoi, a druid; ctaoi, a curl.

<sup>•</sup> mite, a thousand, or a mile, is invariable after a numeral.
treme is also 5th. See Heteroclite nouns, par. 131.

5no, a work (pl. 5nota), \* nro, or ni, a thing (pl. neite); ouine, a person, makes σλοιπε in nom. pl.

umge, an ounce, ,, umgeaca , earna, a rib, ,, earnaca

115. A few proper nouns, although not ending in a vowel or in, belong to this declension, and do not change their form in any of their cases, viz.:—
paopais, Patrick; Seapoio, Gerald; Muipir, Maurice; Cataoip, Cahir.

The word tuce, a people, does not change in gen.

#### THE FIFTH DECLENSION.

- 116. Most of the nouns belonging to this declension end in a vowel, and are, with a few exceptions, feminine.
- 117. The genitive singular is formed by adding a broad consonant.

This consonant varies in different nouns, but is usually n, nn, sometimes o, o, or c. When the nominative singular ends in a consonant, A or eA comes between that consonant and the consonant added.

118. The dative singular is formed by attenuating the genitive. In the case of those nouns which form the genitive by adding c, the dative singular is usually like the nominative.

<sup>·</sup>Snótaroe is spoken in Kerry.

119. The nominative plural, as a general rule, is formed by adding a to the genitive singular. A few form their nominative plural by adding e to the gen. sing. This is accompanied with syncope, as in cánvoe, friends; námoe, enemies; game, smiths; and anone, rivers, which are the plurals of capa, náma, gama, and an, or ama.

Some others form the nominative plural by attenuating the genitive singular, as in tacam, ducks; com, hounds; picro, twenty; caopus, sheep; comuppain, neighbours.

The genitive plural is exactly like the genitive singular.

# Examples.

	SINGULAR.	PLURAL.		
120.	peapra, fem., a	person.		
Nom. & Acc.	peappa	peaprana		
Gen.	peapran	peapran		
Dat.	peaprain	реаргапац		
Voc.	a peapra	a peaprana		
121.	capa, fem., a	friend.		
Nom. & Acc.	сара	caiproe		
Gen.	capao	capao		
Dat.	CAPAIO	caipoib		
Voc.	a capa	a caipoe		

	SINGULAE.	PLURAL.	
122.	Saba, masc., a	smith.	
Nom. & Acc.	Saba	Saibne	
Gen.	Sabann	Sabann	
Dat.	Sabainn	Saibnio	
Voc.	a Šaba	a Saibne	
123.	taca, fem., a	duck.	
Nom. & Acc.	toca	Lacain	
Gen.	tačan	taċan	
Dat.	Lacain	Lacanaib	
Voc.	a laca	a tačana	
124.	cuirte, fem.,	a vein.	
Nom. & Acc.	cuirte	cuipteanna	
Gen.	cuirteann	curteann	
Dat.	cuirtinn	curteannait	
Voc.	a currie	a cuirteanna	
125.	caopa, fem., a	sheep.	
Nom. & Acc.	слора	caoinis	
Gen.	caopac	caopač	
Dat.	caopais	<u> </u>	
Voc.	a čaopa	a caopéa or a caopaés	
126.	cataoin, fem.,	a chair.	
Nom. & Acc.	cataoin	cataoinesca	
Gen.	cataoneso	cataomeac	
Dat.	cataoin	cataoineataio	
Voc.	a cataoin	a čačaomeača	

SINGULAR (no Plural).

127. Nom. & Acc. Cipe (Ireland)

Gen. Eineann

Dat. . Eininn

Voc. A Eine

128. Nom. & Acc. Teamain (Tara)

Gen. Teampac

Dat. Ceampais or Ceamain

Voc. a Ceamain

129. Nom. & Acc. Atba (Scotland)

Gen. Alban

Dat. Albain

130. The following nouns are used only in the plural, referring originally rather to the *inhabitants* of the place than to the place itself:—

Sacrana, England.

Nom. & Acc. Sacrana or Sacrain

Gen. Sacran

Dat. Sacranaio

Laisin, Connacta, Ulairo,
Leinster. Connaught. Ulster

Nom. & Acc. Laigin Connacta Ularo Gen. Laigean Connact Ularo

Dat. Laignio Connactaio Ultaio

A large list of the commonly used nouns, which belong to this declension, are given in Appendix IV.

#### Heteroclite Nouns.

131. Heteroclite nouns are those which belong to more than one declension. The following are the chief nouns of this class, We give only the genitive case in the singular, as the other cases present no difficulty. The irregular nominative plurals only are given:—

NOUN. DECLENSIONS. GEN. SING. NOM. PL. 1 & 2 bhistain bpiatan, a word 1 & 2 | r5éit r5éite rsiat, a shield 4 & 5 {teine teineard 4 & 5 {beata beatard ceine, a fire ceince bests, life 4 & 5 (rtiže
(rtižearo
2 & 5 (contte
(conttearo rlise, a way rliste coill, a wood coillte 3 & 5 \ monao moin, a bog moince  $1 \& 5 \begin{cases} \text{Talanh, m.} \\ \text{Talihan, f.} \end{cases}$ catam, m., land 4 & 5 eonna eonnan eonna, barley 1 & 5 bpeitim bheiteamain bneiteam, a judge bheiteamna

NOUN. DECLE	NSIONS. GEN. SING.	NOM. PL.
perceam, a debtor	1 & 5 { reičim reičesiman	reičeamain reičeamna
γηόn, f., a nose	2 & 3 {rhoine	
cuać, a cuckoo	1 & 2 cuaic, m. cuaice, f.	CUAIĈ CUAĈA
cómpa, a coffer,	$4 \& 5 \begin{cases} compa \\ compan \end{cases}$	cómpana
cam, a tax	3 dr 5 (cána	cána
Calli, a tax	$3 \& 5 \begin{cases} cána \\ cánac \end{cases}$	cánaca
copóin, a crown	2 & 5 copóine copónac	copónaca

All abstract nouns ending in ear or ar may belong either to the 1st or 3rd declension; as, Adibnear, pleasure, gen. Adibnir or Adibneara. Being abstract nouns they are seldom used in the plural.

# | Irregular Nouns. | SINGULAR. | PLURAL. | | 132. | teac, masc., a house. | | Nom. & Acc. teac, tis | tiste | | Gen. | tise\* | tiste(at), teac | | Dat. | teac, tis | tiste | | Voc. | a teac, tis | a tiste

<sup>•</sup> It has also the forms roize in gen. and roiz in dative.

singular. Plural. rliab, masc., a mountain.

Nom. & Acc. riab riente Gen. riente riente Dat. rient, riad riente Voc. a riad a riente

# ataip, masc., a father.

Nom. & Acc. atain aithe or aitheaca
Gen. atan aitheac ,, aitheaca
Dat. atain aitheacaib
Voc. a atain a aithe or a aitheaca

# σeιμοριώρ, f., a sister (by blood).

Νοπ. & Ασε. το ειμθριώμ Gen. το ειμθρεσταμ το ειμθριώματα το ει

In these words the br is pronounced like r.

The words πάζαιρ, a mother; τράζαιρ, a brother (in religion); and τεαμθράζαιρ, a brother (by blood), are declined like αζαιρ. The genitive of γιπρ, a sister (in religion), is γεαζαιρ (or γιπρα).

singular. Plural.

Nom. & Acc. pí piśće, piośa, piośća Gen. pioś piśće, pioś Dat. piś piśćib Voc. a pi a pużće SINGULAR. PLUBAL.

bean, fem., a woman.

Nom. & Acc. bean mna

> Gen. mni ban

Dat. mnson mnáib

Voc. a bean a mna

bo, fem., a cow.

Nom & Acc. no ba

Gen. hő bő

Dat. buin บนงาช

Voc. 4 66 A 8A

Oia, masc., God.

Nom. & Acc. Ola Oée, Oéite

Gen. Old. Oéiteati 'Oé

Dat. 7014 'Oéitib

Voc. A Dé, A DIA A Dée

tá, masc., a day.

PLUBAT.

SINGULAR. Nom. & Acc. ta Laete, Laeteanta\*

Gen. 1.46

taeteat, taeteanta, ta Dat. 10, 13 Laetib, Laeteancaib

Voc. A LÁ a Laete, a Laeteanta

cné, fem., soil, earth.

Nom. & Acc. cpé chérdeana

Gen. cηιαό, chérdead chiad

Dat. chéroeanaib chéro, ché

Voc. a ché a chéroeana

<sup>\*</sup> ta is generally used after numerals.

SINGULAR. PLURAL. mí, fem., a month.

Nom. & Acc. mi miorat

Gen. miora mior

Dat. mir, mi mioraib

ceo, masc., a fog.

Nom. & Acc. ceó ceobana, ceóca

Gen. ciac ceois ceo

Dat. ceó ceócaib

5a, masc., a spear, javelin, sunbeam.

Nom. & Acc. 54 5401, 5401te
(Gen. 54, 540, 5401 5401te(40), 54t

Dat. 54 Saetiv, Saoitiv

o or ua, masc., a grandson.

Nom. & Acc. o, ua uf

Gen. f, uf ua

Dat. 6, ua 15. u15

Voc. a ui à ui

5é, masc., a goose

Nom. & Acc. 5e or 5eard 5eanna, 5earda, 5eiroe

Gen. 56 ,, 5610, 56010 56anna, 5610

Dat. 56 " Séad Séannaib, Séadaib

Voc. a té,, a téato a téanna, a téata

rpis, fem., a fleshworm.

Nom. & Acc. ppis ppisoeaca

Gen. rpisoe rpisoeacas
Dat. rpisio rpisoeacas

<sup>†</sup> mi after numerals as oct mi, 8 months: mionna is spoken in Kerry as plural of mi.

#### CHAPTER III.

# The Adjective.

#### I. DECLENSION OF ADJECTIVES.

133. In Irish the adjective agrees with the noun which it qualifies in gender, number, and case.

There are four declensions of adjectives. Adjectives are declined very much like nouns; the great difference is that they never\* take the termination to in the dative plural (though formerly they did). The dative plural is invariably like the nominative plural.

Adjectives, in forming their genitive singular, undergo the same vowel-changes as nouns, as—

gopm, blue, gen. masc. zunm geat, bright, ,, 51t, &c.

#### FIRST DECLENSION

- 134. All adjectives ending in a broad consonant, as mon, ban, pronn, &c., belong to the 1st declension.
- 135. When an adjective of the 1st declension agrees with a masculine noun, it is declined like a noun of the 1st declension (see maon, &c., pars. 55, 57), except that the nom., acc., dat., and voc. plural are always alike, and are formed by adding a to the nominative singular.

<sup>&</sup>quot;When used as nouns they take the termination.

136. When an adjective of the 1st declension agrees with a feminine noun, it is declined like a noun of the 2nd declension (see cop, par. 67, &c.), but it never takes it in the dative plural.

Adjectives ending in ac form their plural by adding a, both for masculine and feminine.

Examples.			
137.	móp, l	oig.	
	SINGUI		PLURAL.
	Maso.	Fem.	Masc. & Fem.
Nom. & Acc.	mop	mon	mopa
Gen.	moin	morpe	móņ
Dat.	mon	moin	inopa
Voc.	mõtp	móp	тора
1			
138.	Seat, bi	right.	
Nom. & Acc.	Seal	Seal	Seala
Gen.	SIL	Sile	Seat
Dat.	Seal	511	Seala
Voc.	SIL	Seat	Seala
139. of	ipeac, strai	ght, direct	•
Nom. & Acc.	vipesc	oineac	oineaca
Gen.	Sigio	ofpiţe	oipeac
Dat.	oipead	Zulja,	ofpeada
Voc.	Zinio	olhevç	oipeada

140. The following list of adjectives gives examples of the vowel-changes mentioned above. The genitive

masculine is given; the genitive feminine is formed by adding e:—

NOM.	GEN.		NOM.	GEN.	
lom	luim	bare	reapo	reinb	bitter
20µm	Sultu	blue	reans	reins	slender
bopb	buipb	rough	Seun	Séip	sharp
срот	сризт	bent	oipeac	oinis	straight
nnoor	ouinn	brown	นลาฐกองตั	นอเรทเ	5 lonely
poz	pniz	soft	Albanac	Albana	us Scotch
poçc	DOIČE	poor	rionn	rınn	fair
chom	Thuim	heavy	FIAL	réil	generous
mean	այր	active	rliuč	rlič	wet
селръ	cipic (cen		реад	DIZ	small
		right	cpion	chin	withered
oear	oeir	pretty	ceann	ceinn	stern
Deaps	Silian	red			

141. There are five or six adjectives of the first declension which are syncopated in the genitive singular feminine and in the plural:—

NOMINATIVE.	GEN. SI	NG.	PLURAL.
	Masc.	Fem.	Both Genders.
uarat, noble	uarail	uairle	uairle
vitear, beloved, dear	roitip	oitre	voitre
reaman, fat	пеатагр	permpe	peampa
friot, low	iml .	frle	irle .
Seapp, short	5 <sup>1</sup> րր*	510ppa (irre	eg.) Seappa

<sup>\*</sup> Seampa is sometimes used in the spoken language.

#### SECOND DECLENSION.

142. All adjectives ending in a slender consonant, except those in amout, belong to the second declension.

In the singular all the cases, both masculine and feminine, are alike, except the genitive feminine which is formed by adding e.

In the plural both genders are alike. All the cases, with the exception of the genitive, are alike, and are formed by adding e to the nominative singular.

The genitive plural is the same as the nominative singular.

## Example.

143.	mait,		
	SING	PLURAL.	
	Masculine.	Feminine.	Both Genders.
Nom. & Acc.	mait	mait	maite
Gen.	mait	maite	mait
Dat.	ጠላ1¢	mait	maite
Voc.	mait	mait	maite

144. Notice the following examples of syncope in the genitive feminine and in the plural:—

aoitinn, gen. sing. fem. and pl. aoitine, pleasant atuinn, ,, ,, attne (atte), beautiful mitr, ,, ,, mitre, sweet

145. The following adjectives are irregular:—

com, gen. sing. fem. and plural coma, right, just
veacam, ,, ,, veacma, difficult
rocam, ,, ,, rocma, easy

#### THE THIRD DECLENSION.

146. The third declension includes all those adjectives which end in amat. This termination has the same signification as the English affix like in warlike, or ly in manly, princely, &c.

In both numbers the two genders are alike. All the cases in the singular are the same, except the genitive, which is formed by adding a. This is always accompanied by syncope. All the cases of the plural (except the genitive) are the same as the gen. sing. There are no exceptions or irregularities in this declension.

## Example.

147.	respainant, man	nly.
	SINGULAR.	PLURAL.
	Both Genders.	Both Genders.
Nom. & Acc.	reapamant	reapamta
Gen.	reapanita	reapamail
Dat.	respondent	responits
Voc.	responiant	reapamla

#### FOURTH DECLENSION.

448. All adjectives ending in a vowel belong to the fourth declension, as rava, long; onto, golden. They have no inflexions whatever, all the cases, singular and plural, being exactly alike.

There are two exceptions—viz., ce, hot, warm; and beo, alive. To (often spelled cert), becomes to in the genitive singular feminine, and also in the plural of both genders.

beo, alive, becomes beoda in the plural. In the singular it is quite regular, except after the word Oia; its genitive is then vi, as mac Oé vi, the Son of the living God.

## Rules for the Aspiration of the Adjectives.

These rules really belong to Syntax, but for the convenience of the student we give them here.

- 149. (a) An adjective beginning with an aspirable tonsonant is aspirated in the nominative and accusative feminine singular, in the genitive masculine singular, and in the dative and vocative singular of both genders.
- (b) The adjective is also aspirated in the nominative and accusative plural when the noun ends in a slender consonant.

### Exceptions to the Rules for Aspiration.

- 150. (a) An adjective beginning with  $v_0$  or  $v_0$  is usually not aspirated when the noun ends in  $v_0$ ,  $v_0$ ,  $v_0$ ,  $v_0$ ,  $v_0$ ,  $v_0$  (dentals).
- (b) c and 5 are usually not aspirated when the preceding word ends in c, 5, or 7,
- (c) p and b are usually not aspirated when the preceding word ends in p, b, or m.

These exceptions apply to most rules for the aspiration of nouns as well as adjectives.

- (d) The genitive of nouns of the 3rd and 5th declensions ought not to have the initial of the adjective following them aspirated. Usage, however, differs somewhat on this point.
- (e) In the spoken language of Connaught the adjective is not aspirated in the dative singular masculine.

## Rules for Eclipsing the Adjective.

- 151. (a) The adjective is usually eclipsed in the genitive plural, even though the article is not used before the noun; and if the adjective begins with a vowel n is prefixed.
- (b) The initial of an adjective following a noun in the dative sing. should, as a rule, be aspirated; but whenever the noun is eclipsed after the article the adjective is often eclipsed also; aspiration in this case is just as correct as eclipsis, and is more usual.

### Examples

152. Noun, Adjective and Article declined in combination.

SINGULAR. PLURAL. an reap mon, the big man.

Νοπ. & Λος. απ γεαμ πόμ πα γιμ ιπόμα

Gen. an fin moin na brean mon

Dat. teir an break mon teir na reakaib mona

Voc. a fin moin a feana mona

an treampos star beas, the green little shamrock. Nom. & Acc. an treamnos star na reamnosa stara beas beasa

na reampoise staire Gen.

na reamnos nstar bise mbeas

Dat. o'n creamnois slair ό πα γεαπρόζαιδ Slara beasa 015

Voc. a reamnos star a reamnosa stara beas beasa

an crean-bean bocc, the poor old woman.

Nom. & Acc. an crean-bean na rean-mná bocca bočz

Gen. na rean-mná na rean-ban mbocc boière

Dat. vo'n crean- vo na rean-mnaib mn 401 0016T DOCEA

Voc. a rean - bean a rean-mná bocta bocc

N.B.—When an adjective precedes its noun it is invariable.

Comparison of Adjectives.

153. In Irish there are two comparisons—(1) the comparison of equality, (2) the comparison of superiority.

154. The comparison of equality is formed by placing com (or co), "as" or "so," before the adjective, and te, "as," after it. (This te becomes terr before the article, and then causes eclipsis if the noun be singular.)

If a verb occurs in the second portion of the sentence, agur (not te) must be used for the second "as" in English. Tá Seagán com món te Seumar, John is as big as James. Mi fuit ré com tároin teir an brean, he is not as strong as the man. Mi fuit ré com mair agur (ar) bi ré, he is not as good as he was.

155. The comparison of superiority has three degrees—the positive, the comparative, and the superlative. The positive is the simple form of the adjective, as ban, geat. The comparative and superlative have exactly the same form as the genitive singular feminine of the adjective, as bane, gite.

156. The comparative degree is always preceded by some part of the verb 17, expressed or understood, and in almost every case is followed by the word na (or 100.3), "than."

1r Site an Spian ná an Seatac, The sun is brighter than the moon.
An reapp τura ná το τεαρυγάταιη?

Are you better than your brother?

157. In a comparative sentence the verb  $\tau \delta$  (or any other verb) may be used, but even then the verb  $\tau r$  must be used.

Whenever the (or any other verb) is used in a com-

parative sentence, the comparative must be preceded by the word nior (i.e., ni or nio, a thing, and the verb nr) as—

The sun is brighter than the moon.

An bruit cú níor reapp ná oo deapbhátaip? Are you better than your brother?

158. As stated in previous paragraph nior=ni + 1p. If the time of the comparison be past ni ba is used instead of nior. In conditional comparisons ni bao is employed.

Da voic trom 50 pais Una ni b'aoproe ná Márpe. I thought that Una was taller than Márpe.

- 159. Every superlative sentence in Irish is a relative sentence. Thus instead of saying "the best man" we say "the man (who) is best"; for "the tallest man," we say "the man (who) is tallest." The word "who" in this case is never translated, for the obvious reason that there is really no simple relative pronoun in Irish.
- 160. If the sentence happens to be in the past or future "the best man" will have to be translated as "the man (who) was best" or "the man (who) will be best." In such cases in or an ever be used. Do or but must be used in the past tense.

If the first portion of the sentence contains a verb in the conditional mood, the conditional of 17 (viz., oo bao: oo is often omitted) must be used.

The highest hill in Ireland, an enoc if airoe i

n-Eipinn.

The biggest man was sitting in the smallest chair,

δί an rean ba mó na ruide inr an ξεατασίη ba tuga.

The best man would have the horse,

To bear an capall as an break to b'fearh

(Lit. The horse would be at the man (who) would be best).

The English comparative of Inferiority is translated by nior tuza followed by an abstract noun corresponding to the English adjective: e.g., nior tuza respansateacc, less manly.

## Intensifying Particles.

161. The meaning of an adjective can be intensified by placing any of the following particles before the positive of the adjective. All these particles cause aspiration.

An, very; rion (or rin), very or truly (as truly good); niot, very; niot mait, very good.

5té, pure (as pure white); pó, too, excessively.

γόρ, exceedingly; úρ, very (in a depreciating sense).

mait, good; An-mait, very good; rion-mait, truly good; no-ruan, too cold.

rán te, excessively hot (warm); úη-ίγιοι, very low: úη-ξηάποα, very ugly.

162. In the spoken language the adjective is sometimes intensified by repeating the positive twice, as—

bí ré cinn cinn, he was very sick.

tá ré thom thom, it is very heavy.

ta rinc rinc, a very wet day.

163. Sometimes we is annexed to the comparative; it is really the prepositional pronoun we, of it.

111 moire (mo + re) 50 μαζαν. It is not likely that I shall go.

no harm to be depending on you! It is

- 164. Although the comparative and the superlative are absolutely alike in form, yet they may be easily distinguished:—
- (1) By the context; the comparative can be used only when we are speaking of two persons or things, the superlative is always used for more than two.
- (2) By the word n. (than) which always follows the comparative, except when oe is used; the superlative is never followed by either.
- 165. When comparing adjectives (i.e., giving the three degrees of comparison), it is usual to use nior before the comparative, and ir before the superlative, as—

POSITIVE. COMPARATIVE. SUPERLATIVE.

bán níor báine ir báine

glar níor glaire ir glaire

Remember that nior and ir change their forms according to the tense of the verb in the sentence.

166. I	rregular	Comparison.
POSITIVE.		COMPARATIVE.
beas, little	or small	luša
rava, long		ruide, raide, ria
mon, big		mó
otc, bad		meara
mait, good		reapp
Seapp, shor	t.	Piohla
bpeat, fin	е	bpeáżća
minic, ofter	1	minici, mionea
ce (ceit), v	varm	ceó
tipim, dry		Ciofima
rupur(a)	00077	[rura
upur	easy	lura
ionmuin, de	ar, beloved	l ionmuine or annya
5an, near (	of place)	Zoilie
	_	forgre
togal, nea	r	fortse
h		Chéine
cheun, bra	ve, strong	Cheile
Spánoa, ug	gly	Spannoe
		(Aipoe
apo, high		Διητοε
		Laoipoe
iomoa, ma	ny	mó or lia (more numerous)

which have no positive.

N.B.—The superlatives of the above adjectives have exactly the same forms as the comparatives.

neara and cuirge, nearer, sooner, are comparatives

<sup>•</sup> This word was formerly spelled breakoo or breakoa, and these forms may be used in the plural.

# 167. Numeral Adjectives.

	CARDINALS.	ORDINALS.
1,	aonamáin	1st, ceuo,* aonmao
2,	σá	2nd, vapa, capna, vomav
3,	τηί,	3rd, chiomato thear
4,	ceitpe	4th, ceatpamao
5,	cúis	5th, cuisead, cuismad
6,	ré	6th, reiread, rémad
7,	react	7th, reactinate
8,	οċτ	8th, ocemao
9,	na01	9th, naomao
10,	veic.	10th, peacman, peicean
11,	vou pen2	11th, sonman neus
12,	τά τέας	12th, vapa veus
13,	chi denz	13th, thear deut, thiomad
		oeug
14,	ceithe beaz	14th, cestpamao veus
15,	cúis oeus	15th, cuizear reuz
16,	ré veus	16th, reiread deus
17,	react beug	17th, reactimate oeus
18,	oct pen2	18th, octmato beut
19,	naoi benz	19th, naomao oeus
20,	ŗiće	20th, piceno
21,	son if (or ar) fice;	21st, sonmad sp ficio
	ion an ticto	

<sup>\*</sup> The c of ceuo is usually aspirated after the article.

CARDINALS.	ORDINALS.
22, 06 or 04 if fice; 06	22nd, vana an ficio;
or và an ficio	paparičeao
28, thi ir rice; thi an	23rd, thiomas an ficio or
friciro	thear an ficio
30, veic ir rice [thíoca]	30th, veacinav an ficio
31, aon veus ir rice	31st, sonmad beug an
	ţιċισ
32, od or od deug ir rice	32nd, valia veus an ricio
37, reacc beug if fice	87th, reactination of an
	riciro ·
40, vá ficio [ceatpaca]	40th, vá řičiveav
41, son ip od ficio	41st, Δοημάδ αρ δά έιδιο
44, ceatain or ceithe ir	44th, ceathamad an da
vá řiciv	ţιċιο
	50th, veachad an da ficio
ceuro, caosa	
51, גסו ספעק וף סג דְּוֹכִיס	51st, sonmad beut of da
	βιόιο
60, thi ricio [rearsa]	60th, thi ricioead
61, son it thi ticio	61st, aonmao an thi ricio
70, beic if the tice	70th, reachad anthi ricio
[reactmosa]	
11, Aon Deus if thi ticio	71st, aonmao beus an thi
	ricio
80, certhe ricro [oct-	Suth, cerche ricioean
moţa]	0104
81, aon ir ceithe richo	· · ·
90 mark in cost na mikin	90th, veacinad an ceitne
[noca]	ricio
[moon]	FICIO

CARDINALS.			ORDINAL	3.	
91, son beut if c	eithe	91st,	osminos	oeus	A
ričio			čeične	ricio	
100, céao (ceuo)		100th,	сеиоло		
101, son ir ceuro		101st,	aonmad	an ceu	O
200, và ceuv		200th,	oa čeuo	40	
300, chí čeuo		300th,	chi cent	ዕልዕ	
400, certpe ceuro		400th,	ceitpe c	euoao	
800, oct sceno		800th,	oct gcer	סמסו	
1000, mile	1	1000th,	milead		
2000, vá mite			os miles		
3000, thi mile	5	3000th,	tri miles	o.	
4000, certpe mile	4	1000th,	ceithe m	iteao	
1,000,000, mittiún	1	,000,00	Oth, mill	únað	

#### Notes on the Numerals.

168. There is another very idiomatic way of expressing the numbers above twenty-one, viz., by placing the word piceao alone after the first numeral:—oeic piceao, 30: piceao is really the genitive of pice, so that the literal meaning of oeic piceao is ten of twenty; oeic scapaill piceao, 30 horses; react mba piceao, 27 cows.

169. Whenever any numeral less than twenty is used by itself (i.e., not followed immediately by a noun), the particle a\* must be used before it. This a prefixes n- to vowels:—a n-aon, one; a roo, two; a n-oct, eight.

Tá ré a ceatain a clos, it is four o'clock.

Cá ré leat-uain v'éir a vo, it is half past two.

<sup>.</sup> In Ulster and Munster the article an is used instead of this a.

- 170. Very frequently in modern times the particle of (=asur) is used instead of 17 in numbers. Ar in numbers is pronounced iss.
- 171. A no and a ceacain can be used only in the absence of nouns. If the nouns be expressed immediately after "two" and "four," of and ceitive must be used.
  - 172. Aon, one, when used with a noun almost always takes the word amain after the noun; as, aon fean amain, one man. Aon by itself usually means "any;" as, aon fean, any man; aon ta, any day. Sometimes aon is omitted and amain only is used, as ta amain, one day.
  - 173. Under the heading "Ordinals" two forms will be found for nearly all the smaller numbers. The forms given first are the ones generally used. As the secondary forms are often met with in books, they are given for the sake of reference. Céao, first, is used by itself, but annua's is used in compound numbers, such as 21st, 31st, &c.

First, as an adverb, is an o-tur or an o-tur, never, ceuo.

174. The  $\sigma$  of  $\sigma A$ , two is always aspirated except after a word ending in one of the letters,  $\sigma$ , n, c, t, r, or after the possessive adjective A, her.

The words for 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, given in brackets, are the old words for these numbers; they are not used now, and are given simply for reference.

175. Fice, ceuo, and mite, together with the old words for 30, 40, 50, &c., are really nouns\* and can be declined.

Nom. pice gen piceao dat. picro pl. picro
,, ceuo ,, céro ,, ceuo ,, ceuoca
,, mile ,, mile ,, mile ,, mile
The other words are 5th declension, and form their genitive by adding o.

176. Mite, a thousand, or a mile, and ceuo, a hundred never change their forms after a numeral; naor mite, 9,000, or 9 miles.

#### The Personal Numerals.

177. The following numeral nouns are used especially of persons. All, with the exception of oir and benc, are compounds of the word reap, a man (the r of which has disappeared owing to aspiration), and the numeral adjectives.

 αοπαρί (αοπ-ệεαρ)
 one person

 [σίρ (σίαρ)]
 a pair, a couple

 τοιμα (σετιαρ) (τρί-ệεαρ)
 three persons

 τοιμαρ (σεταιρ-ệεαρ)
 four persons

 τοιμαρ (σεταιρ-ệεαρ)
 five persons

 τοιμαρ (σεταιρ-ệεαρ)
 five persons

 είμε με το τοιμαρ (σεταιρ-ệεαρ)
 six persons

<sup>\*</sup> See Syntax, par. 511 and 512.

<sup>†</sup> Used in the idiomatic expression for "alone." See par. 654.

Lánama, a married couple.

moρ-reireap reactar seven persons octar eight persons naondar or nondar nine persons oeicneadar ten persons σάρευς (σά-reap-σευς) twelve persons

N.B.—The singular form of the article is used before these numerals; as an chigean reap, the five men.

## The Possessive Adjectives.

178. The term "possessive pronouns" has been incorrectly applied by many grammarians to the "possessive adjectives." A pronoun is a word that can stand for a noun and be separated from the noun, as the words "mine" and "his" in the sentences, "This book is mine," "This cap is his." If I wish to say in Irish, "Did you see his father and mine?" I say, "An tracair a atain agur m' atain" (not agur mo). The possessive adjectives in Irish can never stand alone; hence they are not pronouns.

179. The possessive adjectives are as follows:-

SINGULAR.

mo, my

oo, thy

oun (or van), your

a, his or her

a, their

180. a, his; a, her; and a, their, are very easily distinguished by their initial effects on the following word.

- 181. The o of mo and too is elided whenever they are followed by a word beginning with a vowel or f, as m' funneos, my window; to atain, thy father.
- 182. Before a vowel σο, thy, is very often written σ or τ, as σ' αταιρ, τ' αταιρ, τ' αταιρ, thy father; even h-αταιρ is sometimes wrongly written.
- 183. The possessive adjectives may take an emphatic increase, but this emphatic particle always follows the noun, and is usually joined to it by a hyphen; and should the noun be followed by one or more adjectives which qualify it, the emphatic particle is attached to the last qualifying adjective.

## The Emphatic Particles.

184. The emphatic particles can be used with (1) the possessive adjectives, (2) the personal pronouns, (3) the prepositional pronouns, and (4) the synthetic forms of the verbs. Excepting the first person plural all the particles have two forms. When the word to which they are attached ends in a broad vowel or consonant use the broad particles, otherwise employ the slender.

	SINGULAR.	PLURAL.
1.	-ra, -re	-ne
2	-ra, -re	-ra, -re
9	Masc., -ran, -rean Fem., -re, -ri	
0.	Fem., -re, -ri	-ran, -rean

### Examples.

mo teac-ra, my house; a teac-ran, his house; an oceac-ne, our house: mire, myself; reirean, himself; aca-ran, at themselves; buaitim-re, I strike.

185. The word pein may also be used (generally as a distinct word) to mark emphasis, either by itself or in conjunction with the emphatic particles: as

mo teac réin, my own house mo teac-ra réin, even my house mo teac breat mon-ra, my fine large house

mo teac rein and mo teac-ra may both mean "my house," but the latter is used when we wish to distinguish our own property from that of another person; as, your house and mine, to teac-ra agur mo teac-ra.

186. The possessive adjectives are frequently compounded with the following prepositions:—

1, in (ann), in; te, with; oo, to; o, from; and ra, under.

SINGULAR. PLURAL.

1, in or ann, in.

im, am 'mo, in my
10, ao, 'oo, in thy, in your
'na, 1 n-a, 1na, in his, in her
na, 1 n-a, 1na, in their

In the third person singular and plural ions, ionns, anna are also found written.

187.

te, with.

tem, to mo,\* with my teo, te oo, \* with thy or your te noup, with your te n-a, with his or her

te n-an, with our te n-a, with their

188.

700, to.

room', roo mo,\* to my voo', vo vo,\* to thy or your oa, to his or her

van, to our Do bun, od bun, to your oa, to their

189.

o. from.

om, o mo, from my oo, o oo, from thy or your o n-a, from his or her

o n-an, from our o noun, from your o n-a, from their

190.

rá or ro, under.

rám, róm, under my

ra n-an, ro n-an, under our

rao, roo, under thy, your

rá noun, ró noun, under your

ra n-a, ro n-a, under his, her

ra n-a, ro n-a, under their

191. The following compounds are frequently used with verbal nouns:-

45, at.

agom, ag mo, at my 4500, 45 00, at thy, your 454, '54, 54, at his, her

'Sán, Sán, as An, at our as bun, at your ASA, 'SA, or \$4, at their

The forms marked with an asterisk are used in the North.

- 192. When "you" and "your" refer to one person, the singular words to and to are used in Irish, o'atain, your father (when speaking to one person), bun n-atain, your father (when speaking to more than one.)
- 193. Those of the above combinations which are alike in form are distinguished by the initial effect they cause in the following word; as, o n-a cit, from his house; o n-a cit, from her house; o n-a cit, from their house.
- 194. The above combinations may take the same emphatic increase as the uncompound possessive adjectives; om tig rein, from my own house; om tig the same tig the same and the same emphatic increase as the uncompound possessive adjectives; of tig rein, from my fine large house.

#### Demonstrative Adjectives.

195. The demonstrative adjectives are ro, this; rin, that; and wo, that or yonder.

ro is frequently written reo when the vowel or consonant preceding it is slender.

These words come after the nouns they qualify, and should the noun be followed by any qualifying adjectives, ro, rm or no comes after the last qualifying adjective.

It is not enough to say rean ro or bean rin for "this man" or "that woman." The noun must

<sup>\*</sup> Also ra, reo, or re. † Also roin, rain or ran.

always be preceded by the article. "This man" is an reap ro; "these men," no rip reo; an bean ro, this woman; an bean rin, that woman.

196. The word wo is used when a person or thing is connected in some way with the person to whom you speak or write; an reap wo, that man (whom you have seen or heard of); an oroce wo, that particular night which you remember; or in pointing out an object at some distance, as—

An breiceann từ an bảo ứo? Do you see that boat?

Also with the vocative case, as-

A cloisinn up tall and san reansard.

Thou skull over there that art without tongue.

### Indefinite Adjectives.

197. The chief indefinite adjectives are—son, any; éigin, some, certain; eile, other; nite (after the noun), all, whole; and the phrase ap bit, any at all; pé, whatever.

e.g., son tá, any day; son capatt, any horse; an cip uite, the whole country; ouine éigin, a certain person; an reap eite, the other man. An opaca cú an teadap i n-aic ap dic? Did you see the book anywhere? It fuit aipgead ap dic again, I have no money at all. Diceamac dod' ead an Siogaide, pé uairteact do di aige no ná paid. The Siogaidhe was a rascal, whatever nobility he had or hadn't.

198. The following words are nouns, and are fol-

lowed by a genitive or oe with the dative. As they are employed to translate English indefinite adjectives, we give them here:—

monan, much bruit monan riona agac, Have you much wine? (an) 10mao, a great deal, an 10mao ainsio, a great a great many deal of money beasan, little beagan anain, a little bread (an) iomanca, too much an iomanca uirse, too much water an-curo, rather much an-cuio ralainn, rather much salt ootain, enough, sufficient Cá mo dótain anáin agam, I have sufficient bread oinearo (agur), as much) an oinearo rin oin, so much (as), so much (as) gold cuillead, more cuittead apain, more bread neant, plenty, abundance neant ainsio, plenty of money curo, noinn or noinne, curo, point or pointe oil, a share, some some gold a lán, many, numerous tá a lán rean mbneát i n-Cininn. There are many fine men in Ireland

#### 199. Translation of the word "Some."

(a) As has been said, curo, point or point is used to translate the word "some," but there are other words used, as broon, a drop, used for liquids; copman

or compain, a fistfull, used for hay, straw, corn, potatoes, &c.; spanin, a grain, used for meal, flour, tea, &c.; pinsinn, a penny, used for money. All these words take a genitive.

- (b) "Some of" followed by a noun is translated by cure oe followed by a dative case.
- (c) "Some of" followed by a singular pronoun is translated by curo oe; when followed by a plural pronoun, by curo as.

Cá bhaon bainne agam, Cá ghainín piúcha aige, Curo de na reahaib, Cá curo de pin otc, Cá curo aca po otc,

I have some milk
He has some sugar
Some of the men
Some of that is bad
Some of these are bad

## Translation of "Any."

200. (a) When "any" is used in connection with objects that are usually counted it is translated by son with a singular noun; as son fear, any man; bruit son capatt stat? or bruit capatt stat? Have you any horses?

The following phrases followed by a genitive case are used for "any" with objects that are not counted: son greim, for bread, butter, meat, &c.: son veon, for liquids; son grainin, for tea, sugar, &c.; bruit son greim reots size? Has he any meat?

(b) "Any of" followed by a noun is translated by aon puine pe, for persons; aon ceann pe, for any kind of countable objects; aon speim pe, &c., as

above. An oraca to aon ourse of na reapait? Did you see any of the men? &c.

(c) "Any of" followed by a plural pronoun is translated by the phrases given in (b), but the preposition  $a_{\overline{b}}$  is used instead of oe; as—

Mi fuit aon ceann aca annpin. There is not any of them there.

ni paib aon ouine againn annro ceana. Not one of us was here before.

## Distributive Adjectives.

201. Sac, each, every, as sac ta, every day: unte (before the noun), every; the definite article, or sac, must be used with unte; as an unte fean, every man. Di sac unte ceann aca tinn. Every one of them was sick.

Sac ne, every other, every second; sac ne brocat, every second word.

## 202. The Interrogative Adjectives.

ca or cé, what, as cé méan. what amount? i.e., how much or how many?

ca n-air, what place? ca n-ainm at a ont? What is your name? ca n-uain, what hour? when?

In English we say "what a man," "what a start," &c., but in Irish we say "what the man," "what the start," as cause an sere so bampeas re aprel What a fright he would give her! (lit. he would take out of her).

# CHAPTER IV.

#### The Pronoun.

203. In Irish there are nine classes of Pronouns:—Personal, Reflexive, Prepositional, Relative, Demonstrative, Indefinite, Distributive, Interrogative, and Reciprocal pronouns. There are no Possessive pronouns in Irish.

204.		Personal Pronouns.			
		SINGULAR.	PLURAL.		
	1st pers.	mé, I	rınn, we		
	2nd pers.		rib, you		
	3rd pers.	fré, he	mao, they		

Each of the above may take an emphatic increase, equivalent to the English suffix self.

#### 205.

## Emphatic Forms of the Personal Pronouns.

1st pers. mire, myself rinne, ourselves
2nd pers. cura, thyself rivre, yourselves
3rd pers. {reirean, himself riao-ran, themselves}

206. The word pein is added to the personal pronouns to form the reflexive pronouns; as no busitear me pein, I struck myself.

The reflexive pronouns are as follows . -

singular.

mé réin, myself

tû réin, thyself

é réin, himself

i réin, herself

rein, herself

207. The above are also used as emphatic pronouns; as, Cuadaman a baite, mé réin agur é réin. Both he and I went home.

#### 208. The Personal Pronouns have no declension.

It has already been shown that mo, oo, a, etc., which are usually given as the genitive cases of the personal pronouns, are not pronouns, but adjectives; because they can never be used without a noun.

The compounds of the pronouns with the preposition oo (to) are usually given as the dative cases of the personal pronouns; but azam, azac, etc., or the compounds with any of the other prepositions in par. 216, are just as much the datives of the personal pronouns as com, outc, &c. Hence the Irish personal pronouns have no declension.

209. The Personal Pronouns have however two forms:—The conjunctive and the disjunctive. The conjunctive forms are used only immediately after a verb as its subject; in all other positions the disjunctive forms must be used. The disjunctive forms are also used after the verb ir

The reason why these forms follow in is that the word immediately after in is predicate,\* not subject; and it has just been stated that the conjunctive forms can be used only in immediate connection with a verb as its subject.

## Conjunctive Pronouns.

210. mé, cũ, ré, rí, rinh, rið, riao.

## Disjunctive Pronouns.

211. 
$$m\acute{e}, \begin{cases} \tau \acute{u}, & \acute{e}, & \acute{i}, \\ t \acute{u}, & \acute{e}, \end{cases}, \begin{cases} \gamma inn, & \gamma ib, \\ inn, & \gamma ib, \end{cases}$$

In mé, τú, τú, the vowel is often shortened in Munster, when there is no stress or emphasis. It is shortened in mé, γé, é, γιαν and ιαν in Ulster, when there is no stress.

212. The disjunctive pronouns can be nominatives to verbs, but then they will be separated from the verbs: or they may be used in immediate connection with a verb as its object.

He is a man, ir rean é (nominative).

He was the king, 'oob'é an ní é (both nominatives).

This is smaller than that, ir tuţa é reo ná é riúo (both nominatives).

I did not strike him, nion buaitear é (accusative).

This statement will be explained later on. See par 589.

#### The Neuter Pronoun ead.

213. The pronoun ear is most frequently used in replying to a question asked with any part of the verb in followed by an indefinite predicate.\* That break an take? In ear 50 remins. Isn't it a fine day? It is indeed. An Sacranac e? In n-ear. Is he an Englishman? He is not.

This pronoun corresponds very much with the "unchangeable le" in French; as, Etes-vous sage? Oui, je le suis.

Whenever in in the question is followed by a pronoun, ear cannot be used in the reply. An é Commac an ní? 111 n-é. Is Cormac the king? He is not.

tr ear is usually contracted to 'rear (shah).

214. The phrase is ear ('rear) is often used to refer to a clause going before; as, i scatain na Marc, is ear, corait me aneig. In Westport, it was, that I slept last night. Huair is mo an aniocain (anacain), is ear, is some an carair. When the distress is greatest, then it is that help is nearest.

215. In Munster when the predicate is an indefinite noun it is usual to turn the whole sentence into an eav-phrase; as—It is a fine day. Lá δρεάξ, 'γεαν έ. He is a priest. Sαξαρτ, 'γεαν έ. He was a slave. Όλορ, νου 'εαν έ. Elsewhere these sentences would be, ιγ tá δρεάξ έ; ιγ γαζαρτ έ; δα νλορ έ.

<sup>\*</sup> For "indefinite predicate" refer to par. 585.

# Prepositional Pronouns

or

## Pronominal Prepositions.

216. Fifteen of the simple prepositions combine with the disjunctive forms of the personal pronouns; and to these combinations is given the name of Prepositional Pronouns or Pronominal Prepositions.

All these compounds are very important. As five or six of them occur most frequently these will be given first, and the remainder, if so desired, may be left until the second reading of the book. The important combinations are those of the prepositions, as, at; an, on; oo, to; te, with; o, from; and cun, towards.

All the combinations may take an emphatic suffix. One example will be given.

	SINGU	LAR.	PLURAL.
217.		as, at or	with.
1st pers.	azam,	at me	azainn, at us
2nd pers.	4540,	at thee	azaib, at you
3rd pers.	15e, 8	t him	aca, at them

218. The combinations of as with the emphatic suffixes.

1st pers. azamra, at myself azanne, at ourselves
2nd pers. azarra, at thyself azanbre, at yourselves
3rd pers. azerran, at herself acaran, at themselves

SINGULAR.

219.

an, on.

1st pers. onm, on me 2nd pers. onc, on thee onainn, on us onaib, on you

PLURAL.

onta or oppa, on them

3rd pers. aip, on him unpti, on her

220.

00. to.

1st pers. oom, to me

ouinn, to us

2nd pers. ouic, to thee

osoib, vib, to you

3rd pers. oo to him

poit, to them

The initial o of these combinations and also those of oe are usually aspirated except after a word ending in one of the letters o, n, z, L, r.

221.

te, with.

tiom, with me teac, with thee tınn, with us

terr, with him

tib, with you

téi, } with her teo, with them

222.

o, or us, t from.

uaim, from me unic, ,, thee uainn, from us uaib, " you

uaro,; , him

uaiti " her

them

<sup>\*</sup> pain (= pom) is the literary and also the Ulster usage. The emphatic form is vomra, never vomra, except in Connaught.

<sup>+</sup> ua is never used as a simple preposition.

<sup>1 1130</sup> and uaroe (= uaro) are also both literary and spoken forms.

223.	GULAR.	PLURAL.
	cun, to	
~ .	towards me	cusainn, towards us
cusar,	,, thee	cuzaio, ", you
čuice,	,, him	cuca, ,, them
224.		ofone
224. poinh, before.		
	perore me	nomainn, before us
pomat,	" thee	pomais, " you
noime,	,, him	
noimpi,		nompa, " them
225. ar, out.		
aram, o	ut of me	arainn, out of us
arat,)		
arao.	" thee	araib, "you
ar,	, him	
.,	, her	arta ., them
226. 1, in (or ann) in.		
10nnam,	in me	ionnainn, in us
10nnac,	" thee	ionnaib "you
ann,	" him	4 10 10
ınncı,		ionnea, "them
227. pe, off, from,		
viom, off or from me vinn, off or from us		
ofoc,	,, thee	vit, " you
σe,	" him	minu thom
701,	,, her	0100, ,, them

 $<sup>^{\</sup>bullet}$  The  $_{\overline{5}}$  in these combinations is aspirated in Munster, except in curge.

PLURAL.

umainn, about us

you

them

umaib.

umpa,

SINGULAR.

umam, about me

..

umac.

uime,

uimpi,

thee

him

her

228.

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re, ra, raos, under.
      rum, under me
                              ruinn, under us
       rúc.
                  thee
                              rúib,
                                           you
                  him
       ra01,
                              rúta.
                                           them
      ruiti, "
                  her
  229.
                   roin, between.
  earnam, between me
                           eaonainn,
                                       between us
                   thee
  eagnat,
                           earmaib,
                                                you
                   him
  101n é.
                         eaconna)
                                               them
                   her
                         (or earma)
  roip i,
               tan, over or beyond.
  230.
tapm or topm, over me tapainn or topainn, over us
tant or tone,
                , thee tanaib , tonaib,
                                             ., you
tainir.
                   him)
                                " tappta,
                   her
tainri or tainrei, "
                   thé, through.
  231.
    chiom, through me
                            chinn, through us
                   thee
                             cnib.
    cnioc,
                                            you
                   him
    cnio.
                             triota, ,,
                                           them
                   her
    Cnići.
 The t of these combinations is often aspirated.
                   um, about.
 232.
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#### The Relative Pronoun.

In Old Irish there was a relative particle used after prepositions, and also a compound relative, but no simple relative in the nominative and accusative cases. The modern relative, in these cases, has arisen from a mistaken idea about certain particles. Before the imperfect, the past, and conditional the particle to should, strictly speaking, be used. Certain irregular but often used verbs had also an unaccented first syllable, as atá, po-Dennin, po-cím, &c. These particles and syllables being unaccented were generally dropped at the beginning, but retained in the body, of a sentence, where the relative naturally occurs. Hence they were erroneously regarded as relative pronouns, from analogy with other languages.

In Modern Irish the relative particle may or may not be used in the nominative and accusative cases.

Although this is the origin of the modern relative nevertheless it is used as a real relative in modern Irish. Whether we call this a a relative particle or a relative pronoun is a mere matter of choice. We prefer the first name.

There is a relative frequently met with in authors, viz.—noc, meaning who, which or that. This relative is not used in modern spoken Irish, in fact it seems never to have been used in the spoken language.

233. In modern Irish there are three simple relatives, the relative particles  $\Delta$  and 50, which signify who, which, or that; and the negative particle  $n\Delta \hat{C}$ , signifying who...not, which...not, that...not.

The relative 50 is not found in literature, but it is so generally used in the spoken dialect of Munster that it must be regarded as a true relative. So is not used as the subject or object of a verb, its use is confined to the prepositional (dative) case.

There are also the compound relatives pe, 5166, c166, whoever, whosever, whatever, and a (causing eclipsis) what, that which, all that.

234. The relative particle  $\Delta$  expressed or understood, causes aspiration; but when preceded by a preposition or when it means "all that," it causes eclipsis, as do 50 and 11 $\Delta$ C.

An real a busilim. An rean a buaileann mé. An buscaill nac mbero as obain.

An bean 50 bruil an bo

A scaitim ran lá. Sin a paib ann. To reaire a naib laitneac.

An Ait 'na bruit ré.

The man whom I strike. The man who strikes me. The boy who will not be at work.

The woman who has the

All that I spend per day. That's all that was there. All who were present burst out laughing.

The place in which he is.

235. The relative a when governed by a preposition, or when it means "all that," unites with no, the particle formerly used before the past tense of regular verbs, and becomes an. This an unites with the prepositions oo (to) and te (with) and becomes osn and ten.

An cartear ran lá.

An reap van seattar mo teavan. or The man to whom I pro-Leaban Too.

An creat len buaileat é.

All that I spent per day.

The rod with which he was beaten.

236. The pronouns cé and pé unite with 110, but only with the verb ir. Cé 'p b'i péin ? Who was she ?

pé 'r b'é réin? Whoever he was

237. Whenever the relative follows a superlative, or any phrase of the nature of a superlative, use Before the past tense of regular  $\nabla A = \nabla e + A$ . verbs vá becomes ván (=vá + no)

béantao ouit sac uite nio dá bruit asam. I will give you everything that I have.

Ir é rin an reap ir aoipoe dan buail tiom piam. That is the tallest man that I have ever met.

ni mait teir aon nio da deugar do.

He does not like a single thing I gave him.

### Demonstrative Pronouns.

238. The demonstrative pronouns are ro or reo, this; rin, rain, roin, ran, that; ruo or ruo, that (yonder). The secondary forms o or eo, in, and ino are very common in colloquial usage in Connaught and Munster.

These secondary forms have sometimes been written jo, jin, etc.

1r rion rm. That is true. 'Sear ran. The matter is so.

Tả rẻ 50 h-ambeir agat, tả ran

D'in í an áic.

Ծeւրւm-բe Տործ ւմԾ é ձո բeոր Ծib.

b' in é chioc an rséil. An in é an borsa? Ní h-oí an áic. You have it in a mess, so you have.

That was the place.

I say that that is the man for you.

That was the end of the Is that the box? [affair. This is not the place.

b' in é an buacaitt cuize. That was the boy for it.

239. When we are referring to a definite object these pronouns take the form é reo, i reo, iao ro, é rin, i rin, iao rain, etc. This is especially the case when the English words "this," "that," etc., are equivalent to "this one," "that one," etc.

Tôg é pin.
'Sé peo an peap.
'Oob' é pin Seagán.
'Sí pin Opigro.
Cé n-130 po?
An é piúo Tomáp.

Lift (or take) that.
This is the man.
That was John.
That's Brigid.
Who are these?
Is that (person yonder)
Thomas?

111 n-é, 'ré riúo é, or No; that's he.

'Sé reo=ir é reo; 'Sé rin=ir é rin, etc.

In the spoken language the phrases if é rin é, if é riûo é, etc, are very frequently contracted to rin é, rin î, riûo é, etc.

Siűo é. That is he.

Siúo é ζαύς. Yonder is Thade. Sin é an capúp. That's the hammer.

The forms rine, rine, rioe, rioe, are also frequently used.

Side aca opm.

Sini an aic.

That is what ails mc.

That's the place.

Side anno i.

Here she is here.

Sini i.

That is she (or it).

Side i.

This is he (or it).

240. Súo, yonder, qualifies a pronoun; whilst úo qualifies a noun: as, an rean úo, yonder man; a rean rúo, yonder woman's husband.

#### Indefinite Pronouns.

241. The principal indefinite pronouns are—các (gen. cáic), all, everybody, everyone else. uite, all.

émne, émneac (com'ne), anybody.

The following are nouns, but they are used to translate English indefinite pronouns, hence we give them here:—

ouine an bit, anyone at all. curo...curo eite, some...others beagán, a few. An ocainis éinne annro? Did anyone come here?

"C14 h-e to that an macpart?" ap cac. "Who is he who drowned the youths?" said all.

Cé meuro ubatt agat? (or An 'mó ubatt agat?)
Cá beagán agam. How many apples have you?
I have a few.

Unte toot. To them all.

To-seibmio uite an bar. We all die.

Oo cuavan ro unte reaca aman rgánte. All these went past like a shadow.

#### Distributive Pronouns.

242. The distributive pronouns are:—gac, each; gac unte, everyone; gac aon, each one, everyone; ceaccap, either. 'Cute is a contraction for gac unte.

Ili furt ceactan aca agam, I have not either of them.

biot a rior as sac aon. Let each one know.

Oin bionn (bi) rioc Oé teir (nir) 5ac h-aon caittear a neact. For the anger of God is on each one who violates His law.

N.B.—The tendency in present-day usage is to employ distributive adjectives followed by appropriate nouns rather than distributive pronouns: e.g. Everyone went home. Vo cuaro 5ac unte oune a batte.

### Interrogative Pronouns.

243. The chief interrogative pronouns are:—cia or ce, who, which; cao, cheuo, or caroe, what; ce or ceuno (cia nuo), what; cia teir, whose; cia aca (cioca), which of them.ce (or cia) again, which of you.

Cao and agan? What have you?

Cao é rin agac? What is that you have?

Caroé acá ope? What ails you?

Cloca in reapp? Which of them is the better?

Cia an rean? Which or what man?

Cia an tuac? Which men?

Cia an tuac? What price?

Caroé an puo é rin? What is that?

Cé teir an teaban? Whose is the book?

244. Notice in the last sentence the peculiar position of the words. The interrogative pronoun always comes first in an Irish sentence, even when it is governed by a preposition in English. In Irish we do not say "With whom (ib) the book?" but "Who with him (is) the book?"

### Further examples of the same construction:-

Cé teir é ro?

Cé aige an teadair?

Whose is this?

Who has the book?

A Seatáin, ociocraio cú go

John, will you come

Taittim? Cao cuige?

to Galway? What

for?

Cia teir bruit cu cormait? Whom are you like?

We may also say, Cia bruit tu cormail teir?

Notice that the adjective cormail, like, takes te, with; not vo. to.

245. N.B.—The interrogative pronouns are always nominative case in an Irish sentence. In such a sentence as, Cla bualteadan? Whom did they strike? cla is nominative case to ir understood, whilst the suppressed relative is the object of bualteadan. In cla teir, cao cuige, &c., teir and cuige are prepositional pronouns, not simple prepositions.

### Reciprocal Pronoun.

246. The reciprocal pronoun in Irish is a ceite,\* meaning each other, one another. Cum from a taman taman a ceite, Finn put their hands in the hands of one another. Too fram Organ agur Organuno te 11-a ceite. Oscar and Diarmuid separated from each other (lit. "separated with each other"). Dualeadan a ceite. They struck each other.

<sup>\*</sup> Literally, his fellow.

Phrases containing the Reciprocal Pronoun.

o ceite,\* from each other, separated or asunder. te ceite,† together.

man a ceite, like each other, alike.

cpi n-a ceile, confused, without any order.

oinearo te ceite, each as much as the other.

ar Sac rárac i n-a ceite, out of one desert into another

### CHAPTER V.

#### THE YERB.

### Conjugations.

247. In Irish there are two conjugations of regular verbs. They are distinguished by the formation of the future stem. All verbs of the first conjugation form the first person singular of the future simple in -rao or -reao, whilst verbs of the second conjugation form the same part in -ocao or -eocao.

<sup>\*</sup> ó céile, = ó n-a céile.

<sup>†</sup> le céile, = le n-a céile. This last form is often used and explains the aspiration in le céile

### Forms of Conjugation.

248. Every Irish verb, with the single exception of up, has three forms of conjugation:—The Synthetic, the Analytic, and the Autonomous.

249. The synthetic, or pronominal form, is that in which the persons are expressed by means of terminations or inflections. All the persons, singular and plural, with the single exception of the third person singular, have synthetic forms in practically every tense. The third person singular can never have its nominative contained in the verb-ending or termination.

The following example is the present tense synthetic form of the verb mot, praise:—

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

motam, I praise. motam, thou praisest. motann ré, he praises. motamio, we praise. motao, you praise. motao, they praise.

250. In the analytic form of conjugation the persons are not expressed by inflection; the form of the verb remains the same throughout the tense and the persons are expressed by the pronouns placed after the verb. The form of the verb in the third person singular of the above example is the form the verb has in the analytic form of the present tense.

The analytic form in every tense has identically the same form as the third person singular of that tense.

N.B.—The analytic form is generally employed in asking questions.

The following is the analytic form of the present tense of mot:—

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

motann, I praise. motann rú, thou praisest. motann ré, he praises. motann rinn, we praise. motann rib, you praise. motann riao, they praise

The analytic form is used in all the tenses, but in some of the tenses it is rarely, if ever, found in some of the persons: for instance, it is not found in the first person singular above. As the analytic form presents no difficulty, it will not be given in the regular table of conjugations.

251. We are indebted to the Rev. Peter O'Leary, P.P., for the following explanation of the Autonomous Form of conjugation:—

"This third form—the Autonomous—has every one of the moods and tenses, but in each tense it has only one person, and that person is only implied. It is really a personality, but it is not a specific personality. It is only a general, undefined personality.

"This third form of an Irish verb has some very unique powers. . . I shall illustrate one. An English verb cannot of itself make complete sense alone; this form of an Irish verb can. For instance, 'Dualtean' is a complete sentence. It means, 'A beating is being administered,' or, 'Somebody is striking.' Irish grammarians have imagined that this

form of the verb is passive voice. No, it is not passive voice, for it has a passive of its own; and, again, all intransitive verbs (even the verb va) possesses this form of conjugation. The nearest equivalents in sense and use to this Irish form are the German 'mann' and the French 'on' with the third person singular of the verb."—Gaelic Journal.

The usual translation of the French phrase "on dit" is, "It is said." "Is said" is certainly passive voice in English, but it does not follow that "dit" is passive voice in French. The same remark holds with regard to the Irish phrase "bualtean an \$adap," which is usually translated, "The dog is struck." bualtean is not passive voice; it is active voice, autonomous form, and \$adap is its object in the accusative case. The literal translation of the phrase is, "Somebody strikes the dog." The passive voice of bualteap, someone strikes, is catap bualte, someone is struck.

<sup>252.</sup> As this is the first grammar that has adopted the term "Autonomous form of the Verb," we think it advisable to state that the form of the verb which we give as the Autonomous form is given in other Irish grammars as the passive voice. A fuller treatment of the Autonomous Verb will be found at the end of the book, where we endeavour to show that in modern Irish, at least, this form of the verb is active voice. The name by which this form of the verb ought to be called is not merely a matter of terms, for on it de-

pends the case of the following noun or pronoun: i.e., whether such noun or pronoun is the subject or object of the verb.

As all Irish scholars have not accepted the Autonomous form of the verb, since it appears that formerly, at least, the verb was not Autonomous, being inflected for the plural number, it has been suggested that both names be retained for the present. In the first edition of this grammar the term "Indefinite" was given to this form, but as the name "Autonomous," which means possessing the power of self government, is far more expressive, it has been adopted instead of "Indefinite."

As the Autonomous form has only one inflection for each tense, this inflection is given immediately after each tense in the tables of conjugation.

#### MOODS AND TENSES.

253. Verbs have three moods, the Imperative, the Indicative, and the Subjunctive.

Some grammars add a fourth mood, the Conditional; and some omit the Subjunctive. The Conditional form, however, is always either Indicative or Subjunctive in meaning, and is here classed as a tense under the Indicative Mood.

The Imperative has only one tense, the Present. Its use corresponds to that of the Imperative in English.

The Indicative Mood has five tenses, the Present, the Imperfect, the Past, the Future, and the Conditional. The **Present Tense** corresponds to the English Present, and like it usually denotes *habitual action*.

The so-called Cousnetudinal or Habitual Present—i.e., the third person singular ending in -ann—in no way differs from the other parts of the Present in regard to time. The verb bi, however, has a distinct Present, bim, denoting habitual action. In English the Present—e.g., I write—generally denotes habitual action. Present action is usually signified by a compound tense, I am writing. So in Irish the Present, pspiobaim, denotes habitual action, and present action is denoted by the compound tense, raim as pspiobao. However, as in English, the Present Tense of certain verbs, especially those relating to the senses or the mind, denote present as well as habitual action—e.g., clumm, I hear; operom, I believe.

The Imperfect Tense is also called the *Habitual* or *Consultudinal Past*. It denotes habitual action in past time; as, so regionann, *I used to write*.

The **Past Tense** is also called the *Perfect* and the *Preterite*. It corresponds to the Past Tense in English: as, no remindry, *I wrote*.

Continuous action in past time is denoted by a compound tense, as in English—e.g., no tior at reproduct, I was writing.

The **Future Tense** corresponds to the Future in English: as Υξηίουρ*α*ο, *I shall write*.

The Conditional corresponds to the Compound Tense with "should" or "would" in English: as no propers, thou wouldst write.

The Conditional is also called the **Secondary Future**, because it denotes a future act regarded in the past: as, Aoudaire ré 50 repiodrat ré. He said that he would write.

In the Subjunctive Mood there are only two Tenses, the Present and the Past. This mood is used principally to express a wish, and also after certain conjunctions. See par. 550, &c.

### Active Voice, Ordinary Form.

254. Each Tense has the following forms:-

- The action is merely stated, as—

   busiteann Seasan an clan,
   John strikes the table.
- 2. The action is represented as in progress, as— Cá Seaţán aţ bualao an cláin, John is striking the table.
- 3. The action as represented as about to happen
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- The action is represented as completed, as— Cά Seagán "σ'éir an cláip το buala", John has just struck the table.

### Active Yoice, Autonomous Form.

- 255. Each Tense has the following forms, corresponding exactly to those given in the preceding paragraph.
  - Ouarteean an ctan, Someone strikes the table.

- 2. Cátap as bualar an claip, Someone is striking the table.
- 3. Tátan { cum an cláin oo bualao, Someone is about to strike the table.
- 4. Cátap v'éir an cláip vo bualav, Someone has just struck the table.

### 256. Passive Yoice, Ordinary Form.

- 1. (This form is supplied by the Autonomous Active.)
- 2. Tá an ctáp vá (or ţá) vuatav, The table is being struck.
- 8. Tá an clán { cum } a buailte,
  The table is about to be struck.
- 4. Tá an cláp buailte,
  The table has (just) been struck.

### 257. Passive Voice, Autonomous Form.

- 1. Cátap buaitce, Someone is struck.
- Cátap ré buatao.
   Someone is being struck.
- 3. Tatan cum best buastre,
  Someone is about to be struck
- Tátap buaitte, Someone has (just) been struck

### 258. The Principal Parts of an Irish Yerb are-

- (1) The 2nd sing. of the Imperative Mood.
- (2) The 1st sing. of the Future Simple.
- (3) The Past Participle (also called the Verbal Adjective).
  - (4) The Verbal Noun.
- (a) The Imperative 2nd. pers. sing. gives the stem of the verb from which most of the other tenses and persons are formed.
- (b) The Future tells to what conjugation (first or second) the verb belongs, and gives the stem for the Conditional.
- (c) The Past Participle shows whether c is aspirated or unaspirated in the following persons, which are formed from the past participle—i.e.:

Present, 2nd plural.

Imperfect, 2nd singular.

#### Autonomous.

Imperative, Present, and Imperfect.
Verbal noun.

Gen. sing. and nom. plural.

(d) With the Yerbal Noun are formed the compound tenses.

The four following types include all verbs belonging to the first conjugation:—

## 259. Principal Parts.

3	rype.	Imper.	Future.	P. Participie.	Verbal Noom.	Meaning.
	1.	mol	molpao	molta	molarò	praise
	2.	neub	neubrao	neubta	neubaro	burst or tear
	3.	buait	buailrear	buailte	bualao	strike
	4.	róin	roinread	róinte	róinitin	help, succour

N.B.—No notice need be taken of the variation in form of verbal nouns, as they cannot be reduced to any rule, but must be learned for each verb. The ending at or eat is that most frequently found, but there are numerous other endings. (See pars. 315 and 316).

260. (1) and (2) are the types for all verbs of the first conjugation whose stem ends in a broad consonant; whilst (3) and (4) are the types for the verbs of the same conjugation whose stem ends in a slender consonant.

As the conjugations of types (2) and (4) are identical with those of types (1) and (3) respectively, except the aspiration of the \(\tau\) in the endings mentioned in par. 258 (c), we do not think it necessary to conjugate in full the four types. We shall give the forms in modern use of the verbs mot and buast, and then give a rule which regulates the aspiration of \(\tau\) in the Past Participle. (See par. 282).

#### FIRST CONJUGATION.

In the following table the forms marked with an asterisk are not generally used in the analytic form. The forms in square brackets were used in early modern Irish, and are frequently met with in books. Alternative terminations are given in round brackets.

# 261. IMPERATIVE MOOD.

1st. ——
2nd. mot, praise thou buait, strike thou
3rd. motao ré, let him praise buaiteau ré
PLURAL.

1. (motamir (-amur) let us buaitmir (eamur) praise buaiteam

2. motaro, praise (you) buaitro

3. {molaroir, molavaoir, let them praise buailivir

#### Autonomous.

mottap buaitteap

The negative particle for this mood is ns.

### 262. INDICATIVE MOOD.

#### Present Tense.

Present Tense.

SING. 1.\*motaim, I praise \*buaitim, I strike

2. motain, &c. buaitin

3. motaina ré buaiteanna ré

PLUR. 1. motaimío (amuro)

2. motain ribb buaiteann riba

3. motairo buaitiro

a[molaro] b[moltaor] c[buarlin d[buarlei]

Autonomous, Molcan buailcean Relative form. Motor buailear Negative. ni motaim, I do not praise. You do not strike. ni buailin, Interrogative. An molann ré? Does he praise? Do I strike? An mbuailim? Neg. Interrog. nac motaro? Do they not praise? 11ac mbuaiteann ré? Does he not strike? 263. Imperfect Tense. SING. 1.\*motann, I used to praise \*buatunn 2. \* moltá, &c. \*busilce& 3. molati ré buailead ré buailimir(or imir) PLUR. 1. motamir (-amuir) 2. molad pib buaitead rib molaroir buailioir Autonomous. Moltaoi, buailti.

" 11 buaitean pé, Interrogative. An motrá? " An mouaitroir?

ní motainn.

Negative.

264.

Neg. Interrog. nac motainn?

Nac mbuaitinn?

Past Tense.

I used not praise.

He used not strike.

Used you praise?

Used they strike?

Used I not praise?

Used I not strike?

SING. 1. motar, I praised buatteap
2. motar buattr
8. mot re buattr

PLUR, 1. motaman buaileaman 2. molaban buarleaban 3. motavan buaileavan Autonomous. Motad busileso nion motar. I did not praise. Negative. llion buail ré, He did not strike. Interrogative. An motar? Did you praise? An busilear? Did I strike? Neg. Interrog. nan mot re? Did he not praise?

Mán buaileaman?

### 265. Future Tense.

SING. 1. motrao, I shall praise buailrear 2. motrain, thou wilt praise buaitrin 3. molparo re, &c. buaitrio ré PLUR. 1. motramio (-amuro) buailpimio (imio) 2. molpaid riba buailfit ribb 3. motraro buailtro Relative form. motrar buailrear Autonomous. motrano busilreand Negative. Mi motrao, I shall not praise. He will not strike. ni buaitrio re. Interrogative. An motraro ré? Will he praise? An mbuailrear? Shall I strike? Neg. Interrog. 11ac motpain? Will you not praise? Will they not strike? 11st mbusilpio?

a[molpaiti]
c[molpaitean]

b[buailpici]
d[buailpiceap]

Did we not strike?

### 266. Conditional or Secondary Future.

SING. 1. motpainn, I would praise buaitrinn

2. motrá buaitreá

3. molpat ré buailpeat ré

PLUR. 1. motpaimir (ramuir) Buaitrimir (rimir)

2. motrat rib busilread rib

buailri

molpatoir

motravaoir

Autonomous. Molpai

Negative. ni motrann, I would not praise.

ni buatres, You would not strike

Interrogative. An motra, Would you praise?

" An mountread re, Would he strike? Neg. Interrog. nac motpad re? Wouldhenot praise?

" " " " " " " " Would we not strike? Would we not strike?

### SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

### 267. Present Tense.

sing, 1. motar buartear

2. molain buailin

3. motaró ré buaitró ré

PLUR. 1. motamio (-amuio) buaitimio (-imio)

2. motaro piba buaitro pibb

3. molato buailto

Autonomous. moltan buailtean

The negative particle is nan, which always aspirates when possible.

a[molcao1]

b[bdailci]

#### Past Tense.

SING. 1. motann	Ouailinn
2. moltá	buailtea
3. molao ré	buaileað ré
PLUR. 1. motamir (amuir)	buaitimir (-imir)
2. motar pro	buailear pib
3. molaroir molaragoir	buailioir
Autonomous. moltaon	buailtí
Verbal Noun. motar	bustao
Yerbal Adj. motca	buaitce

### NOTES ON THE MOODS AND TENSES.

#### The Present Tenses.

269. The Present Tense is always formed by adding aim, aip, &c., to the stem when the last vowel is broad; if the last vowel is slender add im, ip, eann, &c. The last syllable of the first person plural is often pronounced rapidly—e.g., motamuro (mul'-amwid), operation (k'red'imid); but in the South of Ireland this syllable is lengthened, motamio (mul'-a-meed), operation (k'red'imeed). Verbs of more than one syllable ending in 15 add mio, not imio, in the first person plural of this tense.

270. In Ulster the ending muro of the first person plural is very often separated from the verb, and used instead of the pronoun rinn as Connaic muro 6. We saw him; Connaic ré muro. He saw us. On no account should this corruption be imitated by the student.

- 271. The old form of the third person singular ended in are or re, and the analytic forms found in books, and sometimes in the northern dialect, are got from this form: as motare runn, we praise.
- 272. The analytic form is not usually found in the first person singular of this tense, nor is the synthetic form often used in the second person plural.

### The Imperfect Tense.

273. The initial consonant of this tense is usually aspirated in the active voice, when possible.

The termination at or eat in the 3rd sing, of this tense, as also in the Imperative and Conditional, is pronounced at, or am.

- . 274. When none of the particles ni, an, nac, &c., precede the Imperfect Tense, vo may be used before it. This vo may be omitted except when the verb begins with a vowel or r. The compound particles, nion, an, nán, χun, cán, &c., can never be used with the Imperfect Tense.
- 275. Whenever the word "would" is used in English to describe what used to take place, the Imperfect Tense, not the Conditional, is used in Irish, as—

  He would often say to me. Ir minic Apended retion.

#### The Past Tense.

276. In the Past Tense active voice the initial consonant of the verb is aspirated. The remark which

has just been made with regard to the use of oo before the Imperfect Tense applies also to the Past Tense.

In the Autonomous form to does not aspirate, but prefixes n to vowels.

277. With the exception of the aspiration of the initial consonant, the third person singular of this tense is exactly the same as the second person singular of the Imperative (i.e., the stem of the verb).

278. The particle formerly used before the Past Tense was no. It is now no longer used by itself, but it occurs in combination with other particles.

The most important of these compounds are:-

- (1) An, whether (an + no). An buailre? Did he strike?
- (2) Sup, that (50+po). Our ré sup vuoilear é. He says that I struck him.
- (3) Cáp, where (cá+ρο). Cáp ceannuiţir an capatt? Where did you buy the horse?
- (4) Munap, unless (muna Munap buait ré, unless + no). he struck.
- (5) Mion, not (ni+no). Mion chero ré. He did not believe.
- (6) Πάρ or πάζαρ, whether Πάρ έρεσο τέ? Did he not ...not. believe?

(7) Oan, to whom (vo, to + an reap van seattar mo teadan. The man to whom 1 promised my book.

(8) Len, by or with which (Le+a+110).

The stick with which they beat him (or he was beaten).

279. The compounds of no aspirate. These compounds are used with the Past Tense of all verbs except the following:—μαιθ, was; cus, gave or brought; nus, bore; raca, saw; τάιπις, came; ruan, found, got; reacard, went; reanna, made or did.

The compounds of po are used in some places before cus and counts.

N.B.— Όσαζαιό and σεάμπα are used instead of cuaro and minne after negative and interrogative particles. Instead of σεαζαιό and σεάμπα, cuaro and σειπ (τ) are used in Munster.

#### The Future Tense and Conditional.

280. All the inflections of the Future and Conditional in the first conjugation begin with the letter p, which in the spoken language is generally pronounced like "h." This "h" sound combines with the letters b, o and 5 (whenever the stem ends in these) changing them in sound into p, c, c, respectively.

cherotean is usually pronounced k'ret'-udh rázfan ,, ,, fau'-kudh rzhiodran ,, ,, shgree-pudh

N.B.—r is sounded in the second sing. Conditional active and in the Autonomous form.

281. The particle too, causing aspiration, may be used before the Conditional when no other particle precedes it.

Note that the terminations of the Imperative Mood, the Imperfect Tense, and the Conditional are almost the same, excepting the letter p of the latter.

Rule for the Aspiration of  $\mathbb{T}$  of Past Participles. 282. The  $\mathbb{T}$  of the past participle is generally aspirated except after the letters  $\mathfrak{D}$ ,  $\mathfrak{n}$ ,  $\mathfrak{T}$ ,  $\mathfrak{l}$ ,  $\mathfrak{S}$ ,  $\dot{\mathfrak{T}}$ ,  $\dot{\mathfrak{D}}$ ,  $\dot{\mathfrak{C}}$ , and (in verbs of one syllable)  $\dot{\mathfrak{T}}$ .

There is a great tendency in the spoken language not to aspirate the  $\tau$  in all verb inflexions after consonants: e.g.,  $\tau ug \tau \Delta_1$ ,  $\tau ug \tau \Delta_2$ ,  $\tau ug \tau \Delta_1$ ,  $\tau ug \tau \Delta_2$ ,  $\tau ug \tau \Delta_1$ ,  $\tau ug \tau \Delta_2$ ,  $\tau ug \tau \Delta_2$ ,  $\tau ug \tau \Delta_1$ ,  $\tau ug \tau \Delta_2$ ,  $\tau ug \tau$ 

- 283. This participle cannot be used like the English participle to express action. He was praised is generally motor é; very seldom vi ré motor. The Irish participle has always the force of an adjective denoting the complete state, never the force of an action in progress.
- 284. After if the Past Participle denotes what is proper or necessary: as, ni moter duic é. He is not to be praised by you. This form, called the Participle of Necessity, should probably be regarded as distinct

from the ordinary past participle, as it may occur in verbs which have no past participle, e.g.:—

"It is certain that there is no person who will not have to be on his guard against me." (Letter of Seán O Méill, 1561.) "Cuistean ar an rseul, nac beitte oo neac oul i n-eurocar." It may hence be learned that it is not proper for anyone to fall into despair. Hi beitte as a reunar (or simply, ni reunar). It must not be denied. Here beitte is the Participle of Necessity of the verb bi-

285.	Derivative	Participles.	
ion-molta	ın-peubta	10n-ซินลเโซe	ion-fointe
ro-molta	ro-neubta	ro-buailte	ro-rointe
vo-molta	oo-neubta	อา แลน - oo	oo-rointe

286. The prefix ion- or in- denotes what is proper or fit to be done: as ion-motta, fit to be praised, deserving of praise.

The prefix ro-denotes what is possible or easy to do: as ro-peubta, capable of being burst, easy to burst.

287. The prefix po-denotes what is impossible or difficult to do: as po-busines, incapable of being struck, hard to strike.

288. These derivative participles seem to be formed rather from the genitive of the verbal noun than from the participle: as ratal, finding.

ro-fatála, easily found. vo-fatála, hard to find.

289.	Declension of Yerbal Noun.		
	SINGULAR.	PLURAL.	
Nom.	molati	molta	
Gen.	motes	molato (molta)	
Dat.	molaro	moleaid	
Nom.	bustan	buailte	

buailte

bualard

bualad (buailte)

buailein

Gen.

Dat.

290. Many verbal nouns are seldom or never used in the plural. As a rule the genitive singular of the verbal noun is identical in form with the past participle; but many verbal nouns are declined like ordinary nouns: nearly all those ending in act, at, and amain belong to the 3rd declension—e.g., 5abáil, acf of taking; gen., 5abáil; jut, running; gen. peata: teanamain, act of following; gen. teanamna: riubal, act or walking; gen. riubail: rár, act of growing; gen. páir, &c.

#### SECOND CONJUGATION.

291. The second conjugation comprises two classes of verbs—(1) derived verbs in 15 or u15; and (2) syncopated verbs.

292. Syncopated verbs are those in which the vowel in the final syllable of the stem is omitted when any termination commencing with a vowel is added: as Labaip, speak; Labaim (not Labaipim), I speak. Yerbs of more than one syllable whose stem ends in it, in, ip, ip, ing, belong to this class.

## VERBS IN 15 (-u15).

### 293. Principal Parts.

Type. Imper. Future. Past Participle. V. Rom. Meaning.

1. bailté bailteócar bailtéce bailtigar gather

2. ceannuis ceannocar ceannuiste ceannac buy

294. Except in the Future and Conditional, all verbs in 15 and u15 are conjugated like buait (first conjugation), except that the c is aspirated in all terminations beginning with that letter. It is, therefore, necessary to give only the Future and Conditional in full.

# 295. Future.

## SINGULAR.

1. baiteocao, I shall gather. ceannocao, I shall buy

2. baileócaip, ceannócaip.

3. baileócaró ré, ceannocaró ré.

#### PLURAL.

1. baileocaimio ceannocaimio (-camuro), (-camuro).

2. baileócaró rib, ceannócaró rib.

3. baileócaio, ceannócaio.

Relative. baileocar. ceannocar.

Autonomous. baileoctar ceannoctar.

#### 296.

### Conditional.

#### SINGULAR.

- 1. baiteocainn, I would gather. ceannocainn.
- 2. baileoctá, ceannoctá.
- 3. Baileocat ré, ceannocat ré.

#### PLURAL.

- 1. baileócaimír ceannócaimír (-amuir).
- 2. Daiteocard pib, ceannocard pib.
  (baiteocardir (ceannocardir
- 3. Baileocatoir Sceannocatoir Ceannocatoir

## Autonomous. baileóctaí ceannóctaí

297. In early modern usage, when the stem ended in -uiz, preceded by v, n, v, t, or r, these consonants were usually attenuated in the Future and Conditional: as apourz, raise, future approcav; raturz, soil, future raiteócav; but nowadays apoócav, ratócav, &c., are the forms used.

### Syncopated Yerbs.

298. The personal endings of syncopated verbs vary somewhat according as the *consonant commencing* the last syllable of the stem is broad or slender.

Type (1). Stems in which the last syllable commences with a broad consonant,\* as russain (rosain), proclaim.

Type (2). Stems in which the last syllable commences with a slender consonant, as coigit, spare.

<sup>\*</sup> A few of these take te in past participle; as organt, open, organtte; ceangant, bind, ceangante. The parts of these verbs [258 c.] which are formed from the past participle will, of course, have slender terminations. e.g., v'organteá, you used to open.

299 In early modern usage the Future is formed by lengthening the vowel sound of the last syllable of the stem from a or 1 to e6. in the case of Type 1 the broad consonant which commences the final syllable of the stem must be made slender. Examples: nnnr, nneopan, I shall tell; vibip, vibeopan, you will banish; mmp, meopan'v fé, he will play; coigit, coigedan, I shall spare; puagap, puageopan, they will proclaim; v'fuageopan'v fé, he would proclaim; covait, coivedan, I shall sleep; corvectainn, I would sleep.

300. In the present-day usage the Future stem is formed as if the verb ended in 15 or u15: by adding -6c in Type 1 and -e6c in Type 2.

### 801. Principal Parts.

Imperative. Future. Participle. V. Noun.

Type (I). ruazan ruazacco ruazanca ruazacco)

302.

Type (2). coigit coigleócar coigitte coigitt

## 303. IMPERATIVE MOOD.

SING. 1. —— —— —— coisit, spare

3. ruazpad ré constead ré

PLUR. 1. puaspaimir coistimir

2. ruagnaro constro

8. ruaspaidir (-adaoir) coistidir

Autonomous. ruagantan consiltean

### INDICATIVE MOOD.

304.	Present	Tense

BING. 1. ruaspaim, I proclaim coistim, I spare

8. ruaspann réa coisteanne ré

PLUR. 1. ruaspaimio coistimio

2. ruagrann rib<sup>3</sup> coisteann rib<sup>d</sup>

3. ruagnato coistio

Relative. punzhar constear
Autonomous. punzhar constear

## 305. Imperfect Tense.

SING. 1. o'ruagnainn coistinn

2. o'ruasanca consilead re constead re

PLUB. 1. o'fuspaimir constimir

2. o'fuaspao pib coisteao pib

3. o'fuagratoir (-daoir) coistidir Autonomous. ruagartaoi coistiti

### 306. Past Tense.

SING. 1. O'fuaspar coistear

2. o'fuaspair coistir
3. o'fuasair ré coist ré

PLUR. 1. o'fuaspaman consteaman

2. o'fuaghaban coisteaban

8. o'fuagravan coisteavan

Autonomous. russian coistean

307. Future	Tense.
SINGU	LAR.
1. ruasrocao	consteodaro
2. γιιαξρόζαιρ	consteodann
3. τιι τρο caro ré	coişteócsió ré
PLUR	AL.
1. puaspočaimio	coisteócaimio
2. ruaspočato rib	coisteocaro pio
3. russpocato	coisteocato
Relative Form. fuaspocar	consteccar
Autonomous. puaspoctat	coigleóctap
303. Conditi	ional.
SING. 1. D'puaspocainn	consteocann
2. v'ruaspocta	consteóctá
3. o'fuashocao ré	coisteócao re
PLUR. 1. o'fuaspócaimir	coisteocaimír
2. σ' τιιαξρόζα τι τι τι	consteccar pit
3. d'fuaspocatoir	consteócaroir
Autonomous. puaspoctai	coisteoctai
309. SUBJUNCTI	VE MOOD.
Present	Tense.
3ING. 1. puagrao	constear
2. russpain	coistin
3. russpard ré	coistir re
PLUR, 1. puaspaimio	coiztimío
2. ruaspaid rib	כסובנוט פוא
3. ruaspaio	coistio

Autonomous. ruagaptap consilteap

310.	Past Tens	a.	
	ruagnainn	coistinn	
_	ruasantá	consitted	
3.	ruaznad ré	coistead ré	
PLUR. 1.	ruaspaimir	coiglimip	
. 2.	thazhao hip	coistead pib	
3.	ruasparoir	coiglioir	
Autonor	nous, ruagantaon	coizitei	
311. I	Past Participle and Par	ticiple of Necessity.	
	ruasanta	coigite	
812.	Compound Participles.		
	10n-ruazanta	10n-coizitce	
	ro-tuazanta	ro-coizilce	
	00-fuazanta	DO-COIZITE	
813.	Yerbal Nov	ins.	
MOM	SINGULAR.	PLURAL.	
ACC.	tnozva(4) (tnozaile)	tuazaliça	
GEN.	ruszanta	ruazna(v) (ruazanta)	
DAT.	tnv2lv(q) (tnv2vilc)	ruazantaib	
NOM.	coisite	_	
GEN.	coizilte		
DAT.	COIZILC	_	
the form	stems of Type (2) ending in earta, not inte, as oibin,		

imin, play; imeanta, played.

The endings formed on the participle [see par. 258 c.] follow this change, e.g., Imperfect 2nd singular, δίθεαρτά; Present Auton., δίθεαρτάση, &c.

### 315. General Rules for the formation of Yerbal Noun.

(a) As a general rule verbs of the first conjugation form their verbal noun in so, if the final consonant of the stem be broad; in eac, if it be slender, as—

ván, shut vánav mitt, destroy mitteav mot, praise motav teiž, read teižeav.

(b) When the last vowel of the stem is preceded by a broad vowel, the is usually dropped in the formation of the verbal noun, as—

buait, strike buatad võiz, burn võzad võin, wound sonad võint, bruise võidad

The 1 is not dropped in-

caoin, lament caoinead rgaoit, loose rgaoitead rmuain, reflect rmuainead

(c) Verbs of the second conjugation ending in in, it or in generally form their verbal noun by adding c, as—

oibip, banish oibipt corain, defend coraint (cornain) tabaip, speak tabaipt coisit, spare coisit

- (d) Derived verbs ending in uit form their verbal noun by dropping the 1 and adding Δ0; as, Δηνουίζ, raise, Δηνουζάο.
- (e) Derived verbs in 15 form their verbal noun by inserting u between the 1 and 5 and then adding 40; as mint5, explain, minus40.
- 316. There are, however, many exceptions to the above rules. The following classification of the modes of forming the verbal noun will be useful.
- (a) Some verbs have their verbal noun like the stem, e.g., rar, grow; ot, drink; put, run; rnam, swim, &c.
- (b) Some verbs form their verbal noun by dropping of the stem, e.g., cuip, put or send, cup; coips, check, cops; rzup, cease, rzup; guit, weep, gut, &c.
- (c) Some verbs add amain or eamain to the stem to form their verbal noun, e.g., caitt, lose, caitteamain(c); cliero, believe, cherocamain(c); ran, stay, ranamain(c), tean, follow, teanamain(c); rsap, separate, rsapamain(c), &c.

In the spoken language  $\tau$  is usually added to the classical termination -amain.

(d) A few add an or ean for the verbal noun, e.g., teas, knock down, teasan; téis, let or permit, téisean; tréis, abandon, tréisean; teils, throw or cast, teilsean.

- (e) A few add am or eam, e.g., rear, stand, rearam; cast, spend, consume, casteam; veun, do or make, veunam (or veunav); rest, wait, resteam.
- (f) A small number end in ait or zait, as zab, take, zabáit; raz, find, razáit; ráz, leave, rázáit; read, whistle, readzait.

A fairly full list of irregular verbal nouns is given in Appendix V.

#### IRREGULAR VERBS.

317. In Old and Middle Irish the conjugation of verbs was very complex, but by degrees the varieties of conjugations became fewer, and nearly all verbs came to be conjugated in the same way. At the commencement of the modern period (i.e., about the end of the sixteenth century) about fifteen verbs in common use retained their old forms. These are now classed as irregular. Excepting occasional survivals of older forms, all the other verbs had by this time become regular; so that from the stem of the verb it was possible in nearly every instance to tell all its forms except the verbal noun.

During the modern period even the irregular verbs have, through the operation of analogy, shown a tendency to adopt the forms of the modern regular conjugations.

#### Taim, I AM.

318. The correct spelling of this verb is undoubtedly acaim, but long since it has lost its initial a, except when it occurs in the middle of a sentence, where it usually has a relative force. Some persons, by confounding this initial a, which really belongs to the verb, with the modern relative particle a, write the a separated from the vá: as a vá instead of avá.

### IMPERATIVE MOOD.

319.

bimir, let us be

bi, be thou

bioio, let you be

bioo re, let him be

bioir. let them be

### Autonomous, bicean.

The negative particle is ná.

All the persons, except the 2nd sing., are often written as if formed from the spurious stem bio: e.g., bioeso ré.

#### INDICATIVE MOOD.

#### Present Tense-Absolute. 320.

### SYNTHETIC FORM.

SINGULAR.

PLURAT. cáimio, we are

cáim, I am cain, \* thou art

tá rib, tátaoi, you are

tá ré, he is

cáro, they are

### Autonomous, cátan

### Present Tense (Analytic Form).

cá mé, I am ca cu, thou art cá rinn, we are cá rio, you are

tá ré, he is

cá mao, they are

#### Present Tense-Dependent. 321.

ruilim ruilin

ruilmio ruil mb

ruil ré

ruitio

Autonomous, pulcean.

<sup>\*</sup> The early modern form, viz., taos, is still used in Munster, e.g., Cionnur taoi? (or Cionnur taoi'n tú?) How are you?

Negatively. I am not, &c.	Interrogatively. Am I, &c.	Neg. Interrog Am I not, &c.
ní ¢uilim	an bruilim	nae bruitim
ու բաւեր	an bruilin	nac bruilin
ní țuil <b>r</b> é	an bruit ré	nac bruit re
ni fuilmio	ar bruilmio	nać bruitmi <b>o</b>
ni fuit rib	an bruit pib	חגל טרעון דום
ní puitio	an bruilio	naė bruilio

The analytic forms are like those given above; as, ni fuit riao, nac bruit cu, &c.

# 322. Habitual Present.

 SINGULAR.
 PLURAL.

 bim (bròιm)
 bimio (bròmio)

 bin (bròιp)
 bionn γιϋ, biċi

bionn ré (bio ré, bio cann ré) bio (bioio)
Negatively, ni bim, &c. Interrogatively, an mbim, &c.

Neg. Interrog., nac mbim, &c.
Relative form bior (bibear).
Autonomous, bitean

323. Imperfect Tense (I used to be).

SINGULAR. PLURAL.

Do binn (vo bronn) vo bimir (bromir)

, biteá (, bioteá) , biot pib

" biooré ( " שוטפאס רפ) " שוסוף (שוטסוף)

Autonomous, bici
Negatively, ni binn
Interrogatively, an mbinn?
Neg. interrog. hać mbinn?

324.

### Past Tense.

### ABSOLUTE.

no bior (broear) " bir (broir)

Too bioman (bibeaman) " bioban (bioeaban)

" bí ré

" biovan, broeavan

Autonomous, bicear

325.

DEPENDENT.

nabar nabair naib ré "nabaman nababan

nabadan

Autonomous, pattar

Negative, ni nabar, ni nabar, ni naib ré, &c.

Interrogatively (Was I? &c.).

an pabar an pabair an paib re an pabaman, &c. Neg. interrog. (Was I not? &c.).

nac pabar nac pabair nac paib ré, &c.

326.

### Future Tense.

SINGULAR.

PLITRAT.

béan, bean (béidean) . béimio, beimio (béiómio)

béro pib, béití

béin, bein (béioin) béro, bero ré

béro, bero (bérôro) bear, béar (bérbear)

Relative Form. Autonomous.

béitean, beirean

Negatively,

ni béao an mbéan?

Interrog., Neg. Interrog.,

nac mbéaro?

# Secondary Future or Conditional.

vo beinn (beivinn) beimir (beivmir)

" béiteá (béitteá) béat, beat (béiteat) pib

" béad, head (bérdead) re bérdir (bérddir)

Autonomous. Negative. Interrog.

ní béinn an mbéinn

Neg. interrog., nac mbeinn

berori, beiti

### THE SUBJUNCTIVE. 328.

### Present Tense.

TO MADAO 50 nabmuro

נוסבלמבון מוץ מובון הבון TO nabain

50 naib ré 50 nabaro

The negative particle for this tense is ná: as, ns nait mait agac. No thanks to you.

#### 329. Past Tense.

so mbinn 50 mbimir

go mbiceá go mbiod mb

so mbiod ré so mbioir

# The negative particle is nan.

Autonomous Form.

50 partap! may (they) bo! (for once). so mbitean! ,, ,, (generally).

# Yerbal Noun.

beit, to be.

# 330. Phrases containing the Yerb Noun.

If péroin Liom (a)\* beit
Ní péroin Liom (a) beit
Cis Leac (a) beit
Ni tis Leac (a) beit
Caitpro pé beit
Caitpro mé beit
Ní puláin so naib tú
If copmail so naib tú
Ní copmail so naib tú
Ní copmail so naib mé
Ní puláin nac naib mé
Ní puláin nac paib mé
Ní cóin vom (a) beit
Duo cóin vom (a) beit
Duo cóin vom (a) beit

I can be, &c.
I cannot be, &c.
You can be, &c.
You cannot be, &c
He must be, &c.
I must be, &c.

You must have been, &c.

I must not have been, &c.

I ought to be.
You ought not to be.
He ought to have been.
I ought not to have been.

Du mait tiom (a) beit ann I wish I were there.

Da mait tiom 50 μαιθ me I wish I had been there.

Tả ré le beit ann

Ann

He is to be there.

# 331. The forms puitim and nabar are used-

(1) After the particles ni, not; cá, where? an (or a), whether? 50, that; and nac or ná, that (conj.)...not.

<sup>·</sup> This a is usually heard in the spoken language

(2) After the relative particle a, when it is preceded by a preposition, after the relative a when it means "what," "all that," "all which," and after the negative relative nac, who...not, which...not. Cá b-ruit ré? Where is it? Ni fuit a fior azam. I don't know. Cá fior azam ná ruit ré ann. I know it is not there. Oein ré zo bruit ré rtán. He says that he is well. Sin é an rean nac b-ruit az obain. That is the man who is not working. Oudainc ré tiom nac paid ré ann. He told me he was not there.

332. We sometimes find the verb ruit eclipsed after the negative ni, not; as, ni bruit re he is not

For the use of the Relative Form refer to pars. 554-560.

## THE ASSERTIVE VERB 1S.

333. The position of a verb in an Irish sentence is at the very beginning; hence, when a word other than the verb is to be brought into prominence, the important word is to be placed in the most prominent position—viz., at the beginning of the sentence, under cover of an unemphatic impersonal verb. There is no stress on the verb so used; it merely denotes that prominence is given to some idea in the sentence other than that contained in the verb. There is a similar expedient adopted in English: thus, "He was speaking of you," and, "It

is of you he was speaking." In Irish there is a special verb for this purpose, and of this verb there are forms to be used in principal clauses and forms to be used in dependent clauses—e.g.:

1r mire an rear. I am the man.

Oeinim ζun ab é Seagán an rean. I say John is the man.

# 334. Forms of the Assertive Yerb.

(a) In Principal Sentences.

Present Tense, ip. Relative, ip or ap.

Past Tense, ba.

[Future Simple, buo. Relative, bur].

Secondary Future or Conditional, bab.

Subjunctive, ab; sometimes ba.

Subjunc. Pres. (with 50) 50 mba, Supab; (with na) napab, napa.

Subjunc. Past. vá mbav, "if it were."

### 335. Present Tenso.

ir me, I am; or, it is I.
ir rin, thou art, it is you.
ir e, he is, it is he.
ir rao, they are, it is they.

ir i, she is, it is she.

### 335. Past Tense.

ba mé, I was it was I.
ba čú, thou wast, &c.
ba čú, he was, &c.
ba pinn, we were, &c.
ba pib, you were, &c.

000' 100, b' 100, ba h-100 they were, &c.

Our or tur is never used in the spoken language, and scarcely ever in writing, except when a superlative adjective or adverb occurs in a sentence, the verbs of which are in the Future Tense.

337. In the Present Tense the verb 1S is omitted after all particles except  $m\bar{\Delta}$ , if: as, 1r mé an reap. I am the man; Ní mé an reap. I am not the man.

338. In the Past Tense Da is usually omitted after particles when the word following Da begins with a consonant: as, ap maid tead an aid? Did you like the place? Nap beas an tuade? Was it not a small price? Da is not usually omitted when the following word begins with a vowel or p, but the a is elided: as, Niop b' e pin an pasand. That was not the priest. Notice that the word immediately after da or dad, even when da or dad is understood, is usually aspirated when possible.

# (b) In Dependent Sentences.

339. Present Tense.—At is used instead of it after sup, meaning "that"; as, meaning supath e rin an reap. I think that is the man. Before a consonant at is usually omitted; as, very resum mire an reap. He says that I am the man. At is always omitted after nac, that...not. Saoitim nace rin an pi. I think that is not the king.

340. Past Tense.—The word by or bad becomes b' in dependent sentences and is usually joined to the

particle which precedes it. When the following word begins with a consonant the v' is usually omitted. Mearaim supvérses an ceac. I think that this was the house; mearann ré nán mait le mall veit anno. He thinks that Niall did not like to be here. An mearann cú sup mait an reseuté? Do you think that it was a good story?

341. Conditional.—In dependent sentences by or barb becomes mba. Santim so mba mait terr out teat. I think he would like to go with you. Our renac mba mait terr. He says that he would not like. In the spoken language the tendency is to use the past tense forms in dependent sentences; hence Irish speakers would say sup mait in the above sentence instead of so mba mait, and nap mait instead of nac mba mait.

The Future is never used in dependent sentences in the spoken language.

### bein, BEAR or CARRY.

# 342. Principal Parts.

Imperative. Future. Participle. Verbal Noun.

bein beingaro beinge brief.

This verb is conjugated like buait, except in the Past, Future and Conditional.

### 343. Past Tense.

nuzar, nuzair, &c., like motar (par. 264).

The prefixes to and to were not used before this Past Tense in early usage and not generally in present-day usage.

### 344.

### Future.

beupravo, beuprain, &c., like motravo (par. 265).

In early modern usage there was no  $\mathfrak r$  in this Tense, or in the Conditional. The rule was that when a short vowel in the Present became long in the Future stem no  $\mathfrak r$  was added. This rule is still observed in the Futures ending in -óčao or -eočao.

### Conditional.

beuprainn, &c., like motrainn (par. 266).

Yerbal Noun bpeit, gen. bpeite or beinte.

345. This verb is of very frequent use in the idiom "bein an"; lay hold on, catch, overtake; e.g., puzao onm, I was caught. It fuit bheit ain. There is no laying hold on him (or it).

# CABAIR, GIVE or BRING.

	Frincipai	rarts.	
Imperative.	Future.	Participle.	Verbal Noun
	(beuntao	cabanta	4
tabain	TIUBpa0	custa	Cabainc
	cabanrap		

# 346. IMPERATIVE MOOD.

SINGULAR. PLURAL.

1. ' — Caupaimír, cusaimír (caupam)

2. ταθαίη ταθραίδ

3. ταθραφ οτ τυξαφ τέ ταθραιοίρ, τυξαιοίρ (or -αυλοιρ)

Autonomous, cabaptap, custap.

### INDICATIVE MOOD.

347. Present Tense.

ABSOLUTE. DEPENDENT.

SING. 1. (700-) beinim tabhaim

2. (00-) beinin tabhain,

3. (το-) τειρ(-εαπη τέ τατραπη τέ

PLUR. 1. (vo-) beinimio cabiaimio

2. (oo-) beineann rib tabhann rib

3. (00-) beinto capparo

tuzoum, &c. (like motoum), may be used in both constructions.

Autonomous, (700-) beintean, tabantan or tustan.

348. By the "Dependent Form" of the Yerb we mean that form which is used after the following Particles, viz., ni, not; an, whether; nac, whether... not; or who, which or that...not; 50, that; cá, where; muna, unless; vá, if; and the relative when governed by a preposition.

# 349. Imperfect Tense.

ABSOLUTE. DEPENDENT.

(vo-)heipinn cabpainn

(vo-) beintes &c., like v'fusspainn

&c., like buattınn (262) (305)

Or, tuzann, tuzta, &c., for both absolute and dependent constructions.

Autonomous, being, cabantaoi, tuztaoi.

### Past Tense.

350. The Past Tense has only one form: tusar, tusar, &c., like ristar (264). Auton tusar.

In early usage this Past Tense did not take no or no, as 50 n-cuzar, "that I gave." In present-day usage this peculiarity is sometimes adhered to and sometimes not.

351.

## Future Tense.

ABSOLUTE.

DEPENDENT.

artunea (-00)

Ciubpao, Ciobpao

&c., tiubpaip, like motrao (265) tiubpaip

like motrao (265) tiubpaio re

tabançao, &c., may be used in both constructions.

Autonomous, beuppap

cabalitati

352.

Conditional.

(oo-)beuppainn

τιυδησιπη, τιοδησιπη τιυδαητά, τιοδαητά

like motrainn (266)

&c.

ταθαργαική, &c., may be used in both conficuctions.

Autonomous, θέαργαί, ταθαργαί.

### SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

This Mood occurs only in dependent construction.

353. Present—cusao, cusain, cusaid ré, &c., or cabhao, cabhain, &c.

354. Past-tuzainn, &c., like motainn (268).

### Verbal Noun.

tabaint, gen. tabanta.

355.

### abair, SAY.

# Principal Parts.

Imperativo. Future. Participle. Verbal Noun.

Abaip Coupparo párôce párô

356.

# IMPERATIVE MOOD.

I. — abpaimir (abpam)

2. abain abpair

3. abpato ré abpatoir, abpatatir

357. Present Tense.

ABSOLUTE. DEPENDENT.

(а) тенрит абрант
 (а) тенри абрант

3. (a) pein or peineann ré abhann ré (abain)

1. (a) remimiro abnamiro

2. (a) peintí abhann lig 3. (a) peinto aphaid

Autonomous, (a) Deintean abantan

The initial a of averprim, &c., is now usually dropped. The same remark holds for the other tenses. The voof verprim, &c., is not usually aspirated by a foregoing particle. The absolute and dependent constructions are sometimes confused in spoken usage.

358.

# Imperfect Tense.

ABSOLUTE. DEPENDENT.

1. ADEIRINN ADRAINN
2. ADEIREAG ADARCA
3. ADEIREAG PÉ ADRAG PÉ
&C. &C.

Autonomous, aventi

Δ0Δ11 Δ01

### 859.

### Past Tense.

adubpar, adubant	סמסחמר, סטסמחכ
aoubpair	oubpair
aoubaint re	oubaint re
aoubhamah	oubpaman
aoubpabap	συσμασαμ
ασυσηασαη	συϋμασαμ

# Autonomous, (a) outpat or (a) outantar

#### Future Tense. 360.

oeuhtao	αδηδέα <b>το</b>
σειιηταιη	αδηδέαιη
venitain Le	αθηδέωιδ γ

Autonomous, véappap

abnoctan In the spoken language the absolute and dependent forms are often

# confused. 361.

### Conditional.

ventrann	abpóčainn
veuprá	abpóctá
σευμελό τέ	Δυηδό αύ ré
Autonomous, neappai	abnoctai

In spoken language the two constructions are often confused.

#### SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD. 362.

Present, abilato, abpain, abnaro ré. &c. abnato ré, &c. Past. abnainn, abantá,

Participles. 363.

ηάιότε, 10η-ηάιότε, το-ηάιότε, το-ηάιότε.

## Verbal Noun.

pát or páta, gen. sing. and nom. plur. pártice

# 540, TAKE.

364. Principal Parts.

Imperative. Future. Participle. Verbal Noun,

Sab Seabar Sabia Sabial

This verb is regular except in the Future and Conlitional.

365. Future.

geobar, geobain, geobair re, &c.

366. Conditional.

żeobainn, żeobćá, żeobad ré, &c.

367. In the spoken language the Future is often made 500,000, &c., and the Conditional, 500,000,000, as in regular verbs.

### Yerbal Noun.

Sabáil or Sabál, gen. sing. and nom. plural Sabála.

# rat, GET, FIND.

368. Principal Parts.

Imperative. Future. Participle. Verbal Noun.

ras (seobar rasta rasail

## 369. IMPERATIVE MOOD.

1. - ražaimír

2. rat rataro

8. rasav re rasarvir

### INDICATIVE MOOD.

370 Present Tense.

ABSOLUTE. DEPENDENT.
(100-) Śeißim paśaim
, Śeißin paśain
, Śeißeann ré, śeiß ré paśain ré
, śeißeann rib paśain rib
, śeißeann rib
, śeißin paśain

Autonomous, (vo-) żerbtean rażtan

In spoken usage razam, &c., is used in both dependent and absolute constructions.

In the Auton. pastan, paistean and pactan are used.

371. Imperfect Tense.

ABSOLUTE. DEPENDENT.
(100-) Šeibinn rašainn
,, šeibčeá raščá
&c. &c.

Autonomous, żeibtí, rażtaoi, raiżtí. Spoken usage, Absolute, żeibinn or rażainn, &c.

372. Past Tense.

This Tense has only one form for both absolute and dependent constructions. The prefixes to and to are not used with it.

SINGULAR. PLURAL.

1. ruapar ruapaman
2. ruapair ruapadan
3. ruap ré ruapadan

Autonomous, phic, puantar or puanato. In spoken usage phic often becomes phicear.

### 373. Future Tense.

ABSOLUTE. DEPENDENT.

1. \$00000, \$00000 bruisead or braisead

2. żeobain, &c. bruitin &c.

3. żeobaro re bruitio ré

1. Seobaimio öruiţimio

2. Seobaio rib טון מולווטקט 3. Seobato ซะเรเจ

Autonomous, Seabtan Fuistean

### 374. Conditional.

ABSOLUTE. DEPENDENT.

teobainn or teabainn bruiginn or braiginn żeóbta, &c. bruittea, &c. secoat re bruiteat re

**Seobaimir** bruisimir לפסטמט דוט טרְעוֹלָפּאַט רְיוֹט Seconor öruitioir

Autonomous, Seobtai

### SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD 375.

Present, razao, razain, razaio ré. &c. Past. ražainn, ražtá, ražat ré, &c.

376. Participle.

rasta, raiste or racta.

The derivative participles of this verb are usually formed from the genitive of the verbal noun.

10n-ratala, ro-ratala, Do-ratala.

oeun, DO, MAKE. 377.

Principal Parts.

Imperative. Future. Participle. Verbal Noun. venuca neunam oeun neunrao

IMPERATIVE MOOD. 378.

> neunaimír 1 -

peunaro 2. peun

riounaroir 3. veunav ré

Autonomous, veuncap.

# INDICATIVE MOOD.

Present Tense. 379.

ABSOLUTE. DEPENDENT.

1. (00-) żnim (żnivim) beunaim

" hin &c. 2. roeunain

" Śni re or Śnionn re 3. veunann re

" Śnimio neunaimin 1.

2. " İniti veunann rib

3. **İnio** Deunaio

Relative, snior, snidear

Autonomous, Snitean beuncan

In present-day usage beunaim, &c., are very frequently used in the absolute construction.

880. Imperfect	Tense.
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80.	Imperfect	Tense.	
	ABSOLUTE.	DE	PENDENT.
τ	oo-gninn, gnioinn	τ	eunainn
	" Śniteś, &c.	7	euntá
	" Śnioo ré	7	eunao ré
	" İnimir	70	eunaimir
	" Inior pib	ά	eunat pib
	" İnivir	70	eunaroir
Auton	omous, vo-tniti	7	euncaoi

### Pact Tongo 381.

	rast rense.	
00-	pinnear	reapnar
,,	pinnip	reappair
"	pinne ré	veánna ré
,,	ninneaman	reannaman
,,	pinneabap	σεδηπαθαη
,,	nnneadan	σεληπασαη
am	חוופ מה מוחחם אלו	mainnan

Autonomous, vo-ninnead veapnav In Munster dialect beinear, beinip, bein ré, beineaman, beineaban, and beineaban are used as the Past Tense in both

# absolute and dependent constructions. 382.

### Future Tense.

veuntaio

ABSOLUTE AND DEPENDENT. beunrab neungaimin beungain dia orranneo

veunraid ré Autonomous, veunran

#### 383. Conditional.

deungaimir beungainn beunga deungad pib deungad ré deunraroir

Autonomous, veunrai

# 384. SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

### Present.

veunav veunain veunaiv ré veunamaoir, &c.

### Past.

veunainn veuntá veunav ré veunamaoir, &c.

## Participles.

veunta ion-veunta ro-veunta vo-veunta

### Yerbal Noun.

veunam (veunar) gen. veunta

# 385. reic, SEE.

# Principal Parts.

Imperative. Future. Participle. Verbal Noun.

# 386. IMPERATIVE MOOD.

1. — reicimir (reiceam)

2. reiceato ré reicito

387. The imperative 2nd sing. and 2nd plural are hardly ever found; for we rarely command or ask a person to "see" anything, except in the sense of "look at" it. In Irish a distinct verb is always used in the sense of "look at," such as peuc, veapc, bpeachung, &c. The verb peuc must not be confounded with peuc; it is a distinct verb, and has a complete and regular conjugation.

388. In early modern Irish rate was the stem used in the imperative and in the dependent construction throughout the entire verb.

### 389. INDICATIVE MOOD.

### Present Tense.

ABSOLUTE.	DEPENDENT.
1. vo-čím (črvím)	reicim
2. vo-číp, &c.	reicip
3. vo-čí ré, číonn re	reiceann ré
1. vo-cimiv	reicimio
2. vo-čítí	reiceann rit
3. vo-čiv	reicio
Autonomous, Too-citean	reictean

390. The prefix 00-, now usually dropped, is an altered form of the old prefix at—e.g., atcim. This form survives in the spoken language only in the Ulster form, 'tim or troim, &c.

# 391. Imperfect Tense.

vo-čínn, črvinn	reicinn	
vo-citeá, &c.	reicteá	
oo-cioo ré	reiceato ré	
oo-cimir	rescimir	
סוץ ליסוֹט-ססי	reicead pib	
oo-civir	rescroir	

In spoken language rescinn, &c., is used in both Absolute and Dependent constructions.

Ulster usage, trocann, troteá, &c.

#### Past Tense. 392. ABSOLUTE. DEPENDENT. Connac racar reacar (connancar) 1. connacar raca reaca 2. connacair (connancair) racair reacair connaic ré (connainc ré) 8. raca ré reaca re conneaman [connancaman] 1. racaman reacaman conneaban [connancaban] 2. racaban reacaban 8. conneadan [connancadan] racadan reacadan Autonomous, connear racar or ractar The older spelling was acconnac and acconnanc, &c. The z is

# 393. Future Tense.

(vo-)cífead, ciófead, feicead, (vo-)cífih, ciófih, feiceih, &c. &c.

still preserved in the Ulster dialect: tanaic me, &c., I saw.

Autonomous, cirean reicrean

# 394. Conditional.

(vo-)cirinn, crorinn, reicrinn, &c. &c.

In the Future and Conditional percesso, &c., and perceinn, &c., can be used in both constructions.

## 395. SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

Present, reicearo, reicip, reicir ré, &c.

Past, reicinn, reicéeá, reicearo ré, &c.

Participle, reicée.

### 396.

### Yerbal Noun.

reicrint, reircint, gen. reicreana.

From the genitive of the verbal noun the compound participles are formed: viz., in-feicreana, ro-feicreana, ro-feicreana,

# 397. ctois or cluin, HEAR.

These two verbs are quite regular except in the Past Tense.

In old writings the particle at or no- is found prefixed to all the tenses in the absolute construction, but this particle is now dropped.

### 398.

### Past Tense.

cualar, cuala

customan

cualar

cualaban

cuala ré

cualavan

Autonomous, cualacar Verbal Nouns.

ctor or ctorring (or more modern ctumping or ctorrein).

# TAR, COME.

### 399.

# IMPERATIVE.

SING. 1. —

PLUB. CISIMIT (CISEAM)

2. Can

C1210

3. ciseat (casat) ré

cizioir

### INDICATIVE MOOD.

## 400. Present Tense.

1. tisim tisimio

2. 215171 21521

8. ci5 re ci510

Relative (wanting).

Autonomous, cizceap.

The Present Tense has also the forms cayam or teagam inflected regularly.

401. , Imperfect Tense.

tisinn, tasainn, or teasainn, regularly.

402. Past Tense.

tángar, tánas tángaman

tángair tángaban

támis pé tánsadan

403. Autonomous, cángar.

The nz in this Tense is not sounded like nz in tonz, a ship, but with a helping vowel between them—e.g., 2nd pers. sing.—is pronounced as if written τάπαζαις; but in Munster the z is silent except in the 3rd pers. sing.—e.g., τάπzας is pronounced haw-nuss.

404. Future Tense, TIOCTAO, &C., inflected regularly; also spelled THEFAO, &C.

Relative, tiocrar

Conditional, trocpann, &c., inflected regularly.

## 405. SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

Present, tigearo, tagaro, or teagaro, inflected regularly.

Past, tiginn, tagainn, or teagainn, inflected regularly.

406. Yerbal Noun, τεαέτ (οτ τισταέτ, τιτεαέτ)
Participle, τεαξέα οτ ταξέα.

407. Téiţ, GO.

N.B.—The present stem is also spelled  $\tau \acute{e} \imath \acute{o}$ , but  $\tau \acute{e} \imath \acute{g}$  is preferable, as it better represents the older form,  $\tau \imath a \varsigma$  or  $\tau \acute{e} \imath \varsigma$ .

## 408, IMPERATIVE.

1. — τέιζιmír (τέιζεΔm)

τέιξ
 τέιξιό

3. τέιξελο γέ τέιξισίς

409. In the Imperative 2nd sing. and 2nd plur. other verbs are now usually substituted, such as χαδ, ιπτίζ, τέιμιζ. The use of τέιμιζ, plur. τέιμιζτό, seems to be confined to these two forms; ιπτίζ has a full, regular conjugation.

# INDICATIVE MOOD.

## 410. Present.

1. τέιξιm (τέιτοιm) 1. τέιξιmίο

2. τέιξιη &c. 2. τέιξτί

3. τέις τέ, τέις ε απη τέ 3. τέις το

Autonomous, céistean

# Imperfect Tense.

téitinn (or téitinn), &c., regularly.

411.	Past	Tense.
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ABSOLUTE.	DEPENDENT
1. cuadar	vescar
2. cuadair	reacair
3. cuaro ré	beacaid p
1. cuadaman	оелсатар
2. cuadaban	veacavan
3. cuadadan	телсатар
	ma 1 d 1 m

Autonomous, cuardar reaction, as nion cuard re, he did not go. Deagar, &c., is also used in Munster.

### 412.

SINGHT.AR

### Future.

DITTE AT.

DING OTHER.	I II O I AII.
1. ηαέαυ, ηαζαυ	pačamaoro, pažamaoro
2. pačaip, pažaip	pacaro pib, pataro pib

3. načaro ré, nažaro ré načaro, nažaro Relative, načar, nažar.

Autonomous, pactap, pastap.

# 413.

# Conditional.

pacainn or pagainn, &c., regularly.

The Future and Conditional are sometimes spelled pacpare, &c., and pacparen, &c.

# 414. SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

Present, τέιξελο, τέιξιρ, τέιξιό γέ, &c.

Past, τέιξιπη, τέιξτελ, τέιξελό γέ, &c.

# 415. Yerbal Noun.

out, gen. vota (sometimes outca).

# Participle of Necessity.

outra (as, ni outra vo, he ought not to go).

# Derivative Participles.

10n-00la, po-00la, 00-00la.

## 416. 1Ċ, EAT.

This verb is regular except in the Future and Conditional.

### Principal Parts.

Imper. Future. Participle Verbai Noun.

### 417. Future Tense.

SINGULAR. PLURAL.

1. iorato (iorrato) ioramatico

2. ioram, &c. ioram pro

3. ioparo ré ioparo

Relative, iopap (ioppap).

Autonomous, forcan.

### 418. Conditional.

SINGULAR. PLURAL.

1. iorainn (iorrainn) ioramaoir

2. iorta, &c. iorat pib

8. jorat ré joratoir

419. As well as the regular Past Tense, o'itear, &c., there is another Past Tense, viz., ouavar, in use.

SINGULAR.	PLURAL.	
1. ouadar	ouadama	
2. ouadair	อนออลอลก	
3. THAIT TÉ	<b>የህ</b> ልዕልየልተ	

# RIŠIM, I REACH.

420. This verb is nearly obsolete, its place being taken by the regular verbs rhoicim and rhoirim.

Its Past Tense is inflected like TANAS.

1. pánzar, pánaz	pansamap
2. pánzair	pánzabap
3. páinis ré	nansavar

421.

## Verbal Noun.

počtain or piačtain.

Rigim has a special usage in the phrase pigim a tear, "I need," (whence, piactanar, need, necessity: piactanac, necessary: from the verbal noun.)

# marbaim or marbuizim, I KILL.

422. This verb is quite regular except in Future and Conditional.

Future, mapobao, mapbocao, maipeobao, maipeobao, maipeocao or muipepeao (with usual terminations).

Conditional, manobann, manbocann, manpeobann, manpeocann or munppinn, &c., &c.

### Verbal Noun.

manbar or manbusar, to kill or killing.

## SOME DEFECTIVE VERBS.

423. AR, quoth, say or said. This verb is used only when the exact words of the speaker are given. (It corresponds exactly with the Listin "inquit.") It is frequently written αργα or αργ, as αργα mire, said I. When the definite article immediately follows this latter form the r is often joined to the article, as, αργ απ τεαρ or αργα τεαρ, says the man. "Cia τῦ τεῖι ?" αργειγεαι. "Who are you?" said he.

When the exact words of the speaker are not given translate "says" by oein, and "said" by outline. When the word "that" is understood after the English verb "say" 50 (or nac if "not" follows) must be expressed in Irish.

- 424. OAR, It seems or it seemed. This verb is always followed by the preposition te:
  as, van trom, it seems to me, methinks; or, it seemed to me, methought. Oan teac.
  It seems to you. Van terr an brean. It seemed to the man.
- 425. PEAGAR, I know, I knew. This verb is nearly always used negatively or interrogatively, and although really a past tense has a present meaning as well as a

past. 11 feavan. I do, or did, not know. 11 feavan ré. He does not know, or he did not know.

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

1. reavan

1. гелопатар

2. reappair (-ir)

2. гелопабар

3. readain ré

3. reappadan

N.B.—The forms just given are those used in the spoken language, the literary forms are: readan, readant tú, readant ré, readaman, readadan, and readadan.

- 426. Cárla, There came to pass, it happened or happened to be. It is also used to express the meeting of one person with another.
- 427. O'FÓDAIR or DA OODAIR, "It all but happened." E.g., o'FÓDAIR OAM CUICIM, It all but happened to me to fall, I had like to fall, I had well nigh fallen. The same meaning is expressed by o'FÓDAIR 50 OCUICFINN.
- 428. reuoaim, I can, is regular in all its tenses, but it has no imperative mood.

# CHAPTER VI.

## The Adverb.

429. There are not many simple adverbs in Irish, the greater number of adverbs being made up of two or more words. Almost every Irish adjective may be-

come an adverb by having the particle "50" prefixed to it: as, mait, good; 50 mait, well; umat, humble; 50 h-umat, humbly.

430. This so is really the preposition so\* with its meaning of "with." (Do not confound this word with so meaning "to," they are two distinct prepositions). Of course this particle has now lost its original meaning in the case of most adverbs.

431. Adverbs may be compared; their comparative and superlative degrees are, however, those of the adjectives from which they are derived; the particle 50 is not used before the comparative or superlative.

432. It may be well to remark here that when an adjective begins with a vowel 50 prefixes h, as 50 h-annam, seldom.

433. The following list may now be regarded as simple adverbs although many of them are disguised compounds.

amaċ

out (used only after a verb of motion).

Amuit, Amuic

outside, out; never used after a verb of motion. He is out, tá ré amuit. He is standing outside the door, tá ré 'na rearam taob amuit de 'n dopar.

<sup>•</sup> This preposition is now used only in a few phrases; as mile 50 teit, a mile and (with) a half: γιας το teit, a yard and a half: bliadain 50 teit ô roin, a year and a half ago.

ám, amac, however.

amain, alone, only. amait, as, like. amtaio, thus.

anoct, to-night.

anor, now.

apen, last night.

apir(c). again.

ca? where?

ceana, already, previously.

com; com, as (see par. 154).

rearoa, henceforth, at once.

lerr,

prerrin,

ror, yet.

1 muoa, amú, astray (mistaken).

inoé (ané), yesterday. inoiu (anoiu), to-day.

n mbanac (amanac), tomorrow.

rreac, in (motion only).
rreit, inside (rest).
to h-annam, seldom.
to roitt, yet, awhile.
ni (niop),

ni (nioη), ċa (ċaη), (Ulster), not.

catam? when? when?

man rin, thus.

Fig. even; as, nion tabain re fig aon focal amain. He did not speak even one word. San fig na n-anala too tappains. Without even taking breath. Fig is really a noun, and is followed by the genitive case, whenever the definite article comes between it and the noun; otherwise it is followed by a nominative case.

434. It may be useful to remark here that the words indu, to-day; indé, yesterday; i mbápac, to-morrow; apéip, last night; anocc, to-night; can be used only as adverbs. He came to-day. Cámis ré indu. He

went away yesterday. 'O' imtis re inve. When the English words are nouns, we must use an ta (or an oroce) before moiu, moé, apéin, etc. Yesterday was fine. Ví an lá moé bpeát. To-morrow will be wet. bero an tá i mbápac pliuc. Last night was cold. Dí an orôce apéin ruan.

### 435. Interrogative Words.

when? catain? cé an uain? which (adj.)? cé an...? cé an c-am?

where? ca? ce an aic? what? cao? cneuo? conaro? ceupo?

how? conur (cionnur)? cé whither? cá? an caoi? To be man?

why? cao 'na taob? cao whence? cao ar? cá'n cuise? cao rát? cé sta da an rat?

how far? | cé an raio? how much? | cé meuo? · how long? | an raoa? how many? | an mo? which (pron.)? cioca? cé? who? cé? cia? cé n-é (i, 140)?

# Up and Down.

ruar, upwards, motion upwards from the

place where the speaker is.

Anior, upwards, motion up from below to the place where the speaker is.

tuar (also spelled fuar), up, rest above the place where the speaker is.

Anior (abur),\* up, rest where the speaker is.

<sup>\*</sup> This form is used in Ulster and North Connaught, but generally this word is used only for rest on this side of a room, river, &c., or here, where we are.

rior, downwards, motion down from where the speaker is.

anuar, downwards, motion down from above to where the speaker is.

Down.

tior (fior), down, below, rest below the place where the speaker is.

anuar (abur),\* down, rest where the speaker is.

437. 'The following examples will fully illustrate the use of the words for "up" and "down":—

A. A says to B, I'll throw it down, Cartro me rior e.

Is it down yet? Orul re tior ror?

Throw it up, Cart anior e.

It is up now, Cartro me ruar e.

Is it up yet? Orul re tuar ror?

Throw it down, Cart anuar e.

It is down now. Cart anuar anoir.

N.B.—He is up (i.e., he is not in bed), ζά τέ 'na τυισε. We are up, ζάτιπη 'nάητυισε

Rest	Motion from the speaker	Motion towards the speaker	Prepositional use, this side of, etc.
this side	anonn	anall	Lartour De, taob 1 brur De Lartall De, taob
amuiż (amuić), outside irtiż, inside	amač 17TeAČ	amač 1rteač	Learmuiż, taob amuiż ve Lairtiż, taob irtiż

### Over.

439. The following sentences will exemplify the translation of the word "over":—

# A. B.

A says to B, I'll throw it over to Cartro mé anonn you, cusaté.

" Is it over yet? Orust re tall for?

Throw it over to me, Cast anall cusam é.

, It is over now, Tá ré abur anoir.

He went over to Scot- Cuaro ré cap an indatta.

He went over to Scot- Cuaro ré anonn so land.

h-Albain.

He came over from Cámis pé anall ó Scotland, Albain.

### North, South. East, West.

The root our means front: 1an means back.

440. The ancients faced the rising sun in naming the points of the compass; hence COIR, east; CLAR, west; CLAP, north; CEAS, south.

### 441.

Rest	Motion from the speaker towards the	Motion towards the speaker from the	Prepositional use, east of, west of, north of, south of,
τοιη, east	Loili	A1101pt	ל*לבקדנון שפ; באו באו במסט לנון שפ; דמסט לנון שפ; דובן לנון שפ
tian, west	prap	anian	ל*למודדומף ספ; מף מח במסט לומף ספ; סומ לומף ספ
້ະນຸລາວໍ, north	ó tuại ở	40CHAIĐ	ל*למרכוומיס ספ; אף אח במסט ביומיס ספ; סומ ביומיס ספ
teap, south	ó öear	anvear	*נמודנפמף ספ; מח, מח במסט לפמך ספ; סומ לפמך ספ

442. The noun "north," etc., is All CAOD CHAID, All CAOD CHAS, etc., or charceapt, despead, laptap, and olyteap. These latter words are obsolescent.

### 443

The North wind, an žaož αυτυαιό N.W. wind, ζαοż απιαη αυτυαιό "South " " αποεας S.E wind, ζαοż αποιη αποεας "East " " αποιη αποιη etc., etc.

" West " " amap Notice the change of position in Irish.

444. With reference to a house, rian is inwards; roin is outwards.

<sup>\*</sup> tear or tar may be used. † Probably a corruption of 1 ocaob.

# 445. Compound or Phrase Adverbs.

1 5céin, far off (space). an aon con, 1 n-son con, at all. 1 brao, far off (space and time). con an bit, an air, back. an Scut, backwards. con leir rin, moreover, an ocur, ) at first, or in an aon cuma, ) at any an ocur, the beginning. an cuma an bit, rate. pé rséal é, however, annro, here. pé nuo é, at any rate. ann ran (rain, rin), there, then. 1 n-airse, gratis. oo fion, always. 1 ocairse, in safe keeping. 1 n-airoean, in vain. coroce, ever (future). cuille eile, ) moreover, cuitte ror, besides. mam, ever (past). 1 teit, apart, aside. 50 beo, for ever. 50 bnát(ac), for ever. cá n-ar? whence? ré (or rá) vo, twice. cá meuro? cá meuro? an mó? how many? ré (or rá) thí, thrice. ré (or rá) řeac, by turns. 1 Látain, present. ar tátam, absent. oe to, by day. rc' οιόċe, by night. oe tatain, presently, just now. beas nac, nac mon, seatt te, ó céite, ó n-a céite, asunder. 1 n-éinfeact, together. 50 teip,
50 h-10mtan, entirely. ré tuainim, conjecturally. o cianaib. o ciantaib. so teon, ס'בֹח חססול (ססוב), TOO SEIT, 1 SCÉADÓIN, tom-taitneac, Laitneac bonn, או אוו סכסוות, an uainib, uaineannta, anoir 7 anir. 50 h-áiniste, 50 ronnadac, 50 πόμπόη, 50 h-unmon, an ball, vála an rzéilor válta riúv, by the bye. ι η-διητοε, coranámoe, so beimin or so beapota, 50 beimin ir 50 beapota,

ambniatan 'r ambara,

man an Scéaona,

ó rom i leit, ó roin amac,

oa pipib,

an éisin,

eadon (written .1.),

namely. awhile ago. ages ago. enough. sure, surely.

immediately, instantly.

sometimes.

especially.

on high. at full gallop. indeed. really and truly. really, in fact. likewise, in like manner. from that time to this. from that time out. hardly, with difficulty, perforce,

by and bye, after awhile.

an curo ir mo ve,) an (a) 10mao, an curo ir luga de, an a latao (laiteao), ) an a ron ran (ir uite), com rava 'r (use le before noun) an raio (rel. form of verb) o' son sno, com mait agur va, Le h-éinte an Lae, San coinne te, zan rúit te, oe snát (snátac), man atá, man atáio, or irrot, or ano, an maioin, ra chácnóna, um tháthóna, an maioin inoiu, an maioin i mbánac, ra chátnóna indiu, athużao moe, atnusao i mbanac, anointean, umanointean, Lá an n-a bánac, 1 mbliadna, anupato, athugao anunaio,

at most.

at least.

notwithstanding (all that).

whilst, as long as.

purposely. just as if. at dawn.

unexpectedly.

usually. namely, viz., i.e. secretly, lowly. aloud, openly. in the morning.

in the evening.

this morning. to-morrow morning. this evening. on the day before vesterday day after toon the morrow.

on the following day. (during) this year. (during) last year. (during) the year before last 446. The phrases which have just been given about morning, evening, &c., are strictly adverbial, and cannot be used as nouns.

447.

#### Adverbs.

ola Tomnais, on Sunday
ola Tuain, on Monday
ola Maint, on Tuesday
ola Ceuraoin', on Wednesday
ola Oappaoin', on Thursday
ola h-Aoine, on Friday

ola Satainn, on Saturday

#### Nouns.

Oomnac, m., Sunday
Luan, m., Monday
Μάιρις, f., Tuesday
Сенолонн, f., Wednesday
Οληνολοιη, f., Thursday
Λοιπε, f., Friday
Sacann, m., Saturday

448. Old takes the name of the day in the genitive case; it is used only when "on" is, or may be, used in English—i.e., when the word is adverbial.

Old is really an old word for day. It occurs in the two expressions in old, to-day; in oe, yesterday. It is now never used except before the names of the days of the week, and in the two expressions just mentioned.

## 449. "Head-foremost."

He fell head-foremost,
I fell head-foremost,
She fell head-foremost,
They fell head-foremost,
They fell head-foremost,
They fell head-foremost,
They fell head-foremost,
They fell head-foremost,
They fell head-foremost,
They fell head-foremost,
They fell head-foremost,
They fell head-foremost,
They fell head-foremost,
They fell head-foremost,
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<sup>\*</sup>monaro is a phrase meaning "after," and is followed by a genitive case.

#### However.

However followed in English by an adjective or an adverb is translated into Irish by the preposition oo (or oe), the possessive adjective A, and an abstract noun corresponding to the English adjective or adverb.

However good, τ'ά τεαταρ. However long, τ'ά ταιτο. However great, τ'ά méiτο. However violent, τ'ά έιξπιξε.

However high, o'á aointe. However young, o'á ôige
The Adverb "The."

The sooner the better,

τ' a tuaite 'reaτ (ir amtait) ir reapp. ni't τά tuaite nac amtait (eat) ir reapp. τ' a tuaiteact ir reappoe.

The longer...the bolder, The sooner...the less, ο'á luaiteact ir feappoe. ο'á faio 'reað ir oána. ο'á luaite 'reað ir luga.

# CHAPTER VII.

## Prepositions.

450. The following list contains the simple prepositions in use in modern Irish:—

1, a, 11, (ann) in.

a5, (a15), at.

ap, (a1p), on.

ap, out of.

oap, by (in swearing).

oe, off, from.

oo, to.

ré, raoi, ró, rá, under. San, without. go, to (niotion).

te, with.

tan, over, across.

τηέ, τηίο, through.

um, 1m, concerning, about.

## CHAPTER VIII.

## Conjunctions.

451. The following is a list of the conjunctions in use at present:—

má, vá, if. oe bhis so raoi não 'r 50, hecause. muna, muna, if ... not. 510eao, however. cion ir, cion ir 50, con teir rin, Acc, but, except. nuo eile (ve), agur (a'r, ir, 'r), and. cuille ror, roip...agur, both ... and. cuille eile, an (an), whether (interrog.) man, as. ná, than; nor. an a ron 50, 50 (5un), that. riúo ir 50, although. man ir 50, as though. C10, 510, 1 Torneo 50 (nac), cé 50, 510 50, an nor so (nac), 50, until an moo so (nac), nó 50, (with so that 1 5cár 50 (nac), ACT 50, verbs).(not). an con so (nac), 50 001 50, an bóis 50 (nac), com tuat ar, as soon as. 150401 50 (nac), oá luar 7. 10nnur 50 (nac),\* an cuirge 50, readar, compared with. ror, yet, still. rul; ran, nó, or. o, since, because. rul a oci, before. o nac, since...not. rul má oci, oin, for, because. rul od oci,

<sup>\*</sup> To and nac are very frequently separated from nonner by a subordinate or relative clause: e.g., "nonner, an ci an a monad an nizin rm, so monad cammann ance o'n ontleac;" so that the person who would be marked with that sign would have protection from the slaughter.

maireac. well, if so. 6 tonta 50, whereas.

uime rin, therefore, wherefore. tap ceann, moreover, besides, furthermore.

an an acotan rain, therefore. nac
man rin rein, even so. na, na 50,

man rin réin, even so. ná, ná 50, ) bioò 50, although, whether

...or.

452. In Munster "that...not" is usually translated by nά followed by the dependent form of the verb. ná neither aspirates nor eclipses. In the past tense it becomes náp which causes aspiration. Whenever "that...not" follows a negative (or a virtual negative) phrase, ná 50 is used (ná 5up in the past tense).

Cá fior aige réin ná ruit an ceant aige. He knows himself that he is not right.

ni verpim (or verpim) na so vruit an ceape aise. I don't say that he is not right.

nac is used in Munster as a part of the verb 17.

453. The use of man before a clause is noteworthy.

τά man ασυσαίητ τέ, (according) as he said.

ταη man τί τέ σεις mbliatina τίξεατ ό τοιπ.

Beyond (or compared with) how it was 30 years ago.

1 οταοδ παρ σειρ το, regarding what you say.

Came to map a part from. He came to where Finn was.

man acá or man acáro, that is, viz., i.e.

man 50 mbat 140 rein to the they who performed the act.

man an Sceuvna, likewise. man Seall ap, on account of.

## CHAPTER IX.

## 454. Interjections and Interjectional Phrases.

A, O (the sign of the Vocative case).

eιγτ, hush! list!

rόιγιορ!

romion!
ramion!
mo bnon!
mo creac!
mo tean!

mo téan geup!/ peuc! Ó bú bú!oc!uc!ucón! mo náme tú!

fáilte nómat!

Alas!

Behold! lo!
Alas!
Shame on you!
Hurrah for . . . !
Welcome!

Oia to beata!) Haill 'Sé po beata! S Stan teat (tib)! Stan beo agat (agaib)! Good-bye! Deannact Leat (LIB)! DIA Linn ! God be with us! Well! Musha! maireat ! Patience! Foisio (roisne)! Take care! Fie! Faine! So océro cu rlán! Safe home! לוווס מול סולומוסו סום ליווכ! God prosper you! Di 'oo torc! Silence! Circ oo beut! ) mo żoipm tú! Bravo! Súo onc!) Good health! Staince! Good man! mait an rean! MAIT AN DUACAILL! Good fellow! Durbeacar Leat! Thanks! thank you! So naio mait agat!) So n-émisio do leac! Good luck to you! God forbid! nan teisio Oia rin! So mbeannuigio Oia ouic! God save you! Good morning! &c. So mainin, Long life to you! So maipiro ca! So broinio Ola onainn! God help us! Oroce mait duit! May you have a good night! May God give you a good So ocusaio Dia oroce ו לועס לוגמות night!

So mbuadard Ola leat! God grant you success! Stán codalta na h-ordee Sound night's sleep to

ASAC! you!

ASAC! you!

So scootan so ram! May you sleep peacefully.

Dail o Dia ont! God bless you!

Curoeacan Dé leat! May God accompany you!

FATO PAOSAIL ASAT! Long life to you!

Duaro Leat! Success to you!

'Seat ! Well!

'Searo anoir! There now!

Cozan 1 teit! Whisper (here)!

ambara! Indeed!
mo sparoin choice tu! Bravo!
A curo! My dear!

Ac aroe! Dear me!

## CHAPTER X.

## WORD-BUILDING.

## Prefixes.

455. The following is a list of the principal prefixes used in Irish. Some of them have double forms owing to the rule cast te cast.

arr or err, back, again; like the English re-;
ioc, payment; arrioc, repayment, restitution.

neio, even; aimpero, unam or aim. even. trát, time; i n-antrát, unan ain. timely. σí oio.\* ceann, a head; piceannata Negative to behead particles mio. comainte, an advice; miocomainte, an evil advice. neam ,, neim, nio, a thing; neimnio, nothing, non-entity. campear, friendship; earear, campear, enmity.

é or éa, a negative particle. It eclipses c and τ and becomes éaς before γ. Cóιμ, just; éaςcóιμ, unjust; τροπ, heavy; éaστροπ, light; cormait, like; eugramait, different.

ομος, bad, evil; mear, esteem; σμος-mear, reproach, disesteem.

com, equal; aimpip, time; com-aimpeapac, contemporary.

<sup>\*</sup> vi, vio eclipse words beginning with b or  $\mathfrak p,$  viomburdeadar, ingratitude.

mon, big; an-mon, very big. an. vat, a colour; 10toatac, many-11, 101, coloured. mon, big; no-mon, too big. ηÓ. Intensifying ce, warm; ran-te, excessively ran, particles warm arobeil, vast; lán-arobeil, Lán. awfully vast. Spanoa, ngly; un-spanoa, very ún.

teat, a half; teat-uaip, half an hour; rgeut, a story; teit-rgeut, an excuse.

in, ion, fit, suitable; ocunca, done; in-ocunca, fit to be done; naroce, said; ion-paroce, fit to be said; ion-motta, praiseworthy; ion-otta, drinkable; in-icce, catable, edible. (See pars. 286, 288.)

neum, before; ηδιότε, said; neum-ρδιότε, aforesaid.

rnit, back; rnit-teact, coming and going; rnit-bualato, palpitation, or a return stroke.

ban, a feminine prefix; tlait, a prince; ban-tlait, a princess; ban-tiţeanna, a lady.

at, a reiterative particle: nat, a saying; at-nat, a repetition; atuain, another time; an attitionin, next year; an atreactmain, next week. At has sometimes the force of "dis" in dismantle, as cuman, to form;

accuman, to deform, destroy; piosan, to crown, to elect a king; acpiosan, to dethrone.

bic, bioc, lasting, constant; buan, lasting; bioc-buan, everlasting; bic-fineun, ever-faithful.

oo and ro, two particles which have directly opposite meanings, as have often the letters o and r. Oo denotes difficulty, ill, or the absence of some good quality; ro denotes the opposite.

vo-veunta, hard to be done ro-veunta, easy to be done

oolar, sorrow
oonar, bad-luck
oubac, sad
oarobin, poor
oaor, a fool
oic, want, misery
oubarce, vice
oaor, condemned, dear
oocan, barm
oona, unlucky, unhappy
ooneann, bad weather
oocamart, inconvenient

rolar, comfort, joy ronar, good-luck rubac, merry rarobin, rich raoi, a wise man rit, peace, plenty rubaice, virtue raon, free, cheap rocan, profit rona, lucky, happy roineann, fine weather rocamait, convenient

## 456. Affixes or Terminations.

ac, when it is the termination of an adjective, means full of, abounding in: τριατάρ, a word; τριατριάς, wordy, talkative; reunac, grassy.

- ac, when it is the termination of a noun, denotes a person or personal agent: as Eneannac, an Irishman; Atbanac, a Scotchman.
- ACC is an abstract termination, like the English -ncss:
  mitir, sweet; mitreacc, sweetness.
  - N.B.—The termination -acc is usually added to adjectives.
- are, ure, ree, are personal terminations denoting an agent: rgeut, a story; rgeuture, a storyteller; cor, a foot; corree, a pedestrian.
- ane, the, are also personal terminations denoting an agent: ceats, deceit; ceatsane, a deceiver.
- amait, a termination having the very same force as the English like or ly: reamanait, manly; rtaiteamait, princely, generous.
- Ap, eap, or sometimes p alone, an abstract termination like Δάτ: mait, good: maiteap, goodness; ceann, a head; ceannap, headship, authority.
- than and the have a collective force: as, outle, a leaf (of a tree); outleadan, foliage.
- va, va, or ca, is an adjectival termination which has usually the force of the English -like: moμνα, majestic; ομνα, golden; zattva, exotic, foreign (from zatt, a stranger, a foreigner).

- e is an abstract termination like act or ar: whenever it is added to an adjective the resulting abstract noun, owing to the rule "caol le caol," has the very same form as the genitive singular feminine of the adjective: as, rial, generous; reile, generosity; aro, high; airoe, height; zeal, bright; zile, brightness; althe, beauty.
- tac, nac, nac, tac, trac, have all the same meaning as ac, viz., full of, abounding in: muc, a pig; muctac, a piggery; coutt, a wood; contreac, a place full of woods; runtreac, bloody; toutreac (toutreannac), willing.
- map means full of, abounding in: ceot, music; ceotmap, musical; ξpeann, fun; ξpeannmap, full of fun, amusing; ciallmap, sensible, intelligent.
- όιη, τούιη, or τόιη, denotes a personal agent: rpeat, a scythe; rpeatatoúin, a mower, reaper; τουιηreóin, a door-keeper.

## Diminutives.

457. In Irish there are three diminutive terminations, viz., in, in, and os. However, in is practically the only diminutive termination in Modern Irish as in and os have almost lost their diminutive force. A double diminutive is sometimes met with, as in a rery little height.

#### in.

458. The termination in, meaning "small" or "little," may be added to almost every Irish noun. Whenever the final consonant is broad it must be made slender (as the in always remains unaltered), the vowels undergoing the same changes as in the formation of the genitive singular, but  $\hat{c}$  is not changed into  $\hat{5}$  (see pars. 60 and 78).

a little ass aral, an ass arailin, rean, a man rinin, 8 man Sont, a field Suncin, a field .. caitleac, an old woman caitlicin, a old woman •• rnaio, a street rnároin, a " street, a lane

If the noun ends in e, drop the e and add fn; but if the noun ends in a, drop the a and attenuate the preceding consonant; then add fn.

pairoe pairoin Nopa Nopin mata maitin

459. án.

rnutan, a brook, from rnut, a stream. ánoán, a hillock, ano, high. veatzan, a knitting-needle, beats, a thorn. 22 bionán, a pin, " bion, a spit. teabran, a booklet. . teaban, a book, seusan, a twig, zeuz, a branch. \*\* tocan, a little lake, toć, a lake. rsiatan, a wing, rsiat, a shield. 22

The above are examples of real diminutives, but such examples are not very numerous.

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piarcós (pérreos), a worm, from piarc, a reptile.
tarós, a match, "tar, a light.
sabtós, a little fork, "sabat, a fork.

These are examples of real diminutives in  $\delta \xi$ , but such real diminutives are not numerous, as most nouns in  $\delta \xi$  have practically the same meaning as the nouns from which they were derived (the latter being now generally obsolete): cuiteo\xi, a fly, from cuit, a fly; opireo\xi, a briar, from opir, a briar; runnreo\xi, an ash, from runnre, an ash.

In Craig's Grammar we find tuco5, a rat (tuc, a mouse). This example is a striking instance of the fact that the termination o5 is losing (if it has not already lost) its diminutive force.

All derived nouns in 65 are feminine.

#### Derived Nouns.

461. Words are of three classes—Simple, Derivative, and Compound. All simple words are, as a general rule, monosyllables; they are the roots from which derivative and compound words spring. Derivative words are made up of two or more parts. These parts undergo slight changes when they are united to form words, and thus the component parts are somewhat disguised. The difficulty which presents itself to a student in the spelling of Irish is more apparent than real. The principle of vowel-assimilation is the key to

Irish spelling. Let a student once thoroughly grasp the rules for "caot te caot, &c," "aspiration," "eclipsis," "attenuation," and "syncope," and immediately all difficulty vanishes.

Derivatives are formed of simple words and particles. The most important of the latter have been already given under the headings "Prefixes" and "Affixes." We will here give some examples of derivative nouns, a careful study of which will enable the student to split up the longest words into their component parts, and thus arrive at their meanings.

462. cnom means heavy; cnomar, i.e., cnom+ar (the abstract termination) means heaviness or weight; éaornom, light, from rnom, and the negative particle éa, which eclipses c and c, hence the v; éavenomar, lightness, from éa, not; thom, heavy; ar, ness; comtnom, impartial, fair, or just; from com, equal, and cnom, heavy; comtnomar, impartiality, fairness, &c.; éascomtpom, partial, unjust; from éa+ com+thom; éascomthomar, partiality, injustice; from éa+com+cnom+ar. Spealadoin, a reaper; from rpeat, a scythe, and oon, an affix denoting an agent; the a is put in between the t and o to assist pronunciation: campe, friends; campear, friendliness, friendship; euscainoear, unfriendliness, hostility: reapamtact, manliness; from reap + amait + acc: neim-zeanamtacc, unamiability; from neim, not + yean, affection + amail + acc: piosacc, a

kingdom, from pio\$+acc: comoncar, comparisou, emulation, competition; from co (com), equal, and moncar, greatness, i.e., comparing the greatness of one thing with that of another.

- 463. Compound nouns are formed by the union of two or more simple nouns, or of a noun and an adjective.
- (A.) A compound noun formed of two or more nouns, each in the nominative case, has its declension determined by the last noun. Its gender also is that of the last noun, unless the first noun-part be such as requires a different gender. The first word qualifies the second, and the initial consonant of the second is usually aspirated.
- (B.) If the compound is formed of a noun in the nominative form followed by a genitive noun, the first is the principal noun, and determines the declension and gender; the second qualifies the first, and generally remains unaltered, and the aspiration of the initial consonant in this case depends on the gender of the first noun. See par. 21(f).

We will give here a few examples of the two chief kinds of compound nouns. It is usual to employ a hyphen between the nouns in Class A, but not in Class B.

bneuz-ni, a pseudo king bun-rnut, a fountain cat-bapp, a helmet clap-rotar, twilight ctois-teac, a belfry chaob-flears, a garland cút-cainc, back-biting caoin-feoit, mutton Laois-reoit, veal muic-reoit, pork, bacon maint-reoil, beef tam-oia, a household god tám-eurac, a handkerchief, a napkin Lam-ono, a hand-sledge teit-rzeut,\* an excuse

bneus, a lie, and pt, a king bun, a source, origin, and rnut, a stream cat, a battle, and bapp, top, head ctos, a clock, bell, and

ctos, a clock, bell, and ceac, a house chaob, a branch, and rtears, a wreath cut, the back of the head, and caint, talk recit, flesh; caopa, a sheep taos, a calf; muc, a pig

táin, a hand; Oia. God; euroac, a cloth; óiro, a sledge

mant, a beef

test, a half, and rgeut,

on-rtar, a sceptre; on, gold; and rtar, a rod

<sup>\* 5</sup>ab mo tert-resent I beg your pardon. (Lit. Accept my excuse).

by at taire, a winding-sheet (a garment of death).
reap ceoit, a musician (a man of music).

reaγ reaγa, a seer (a man of knowledge; rior, gen. reaγa).

reap tige, a householder (a man of a house).

mac tipe, a wolf (son of (the) country).

cú mapa, an otter (a hound of the sea; muip, gen mapa).

taos mana, a seal (a calf of the sea).

rear ionaio, a lieutenant, vicegerent (a man of place).

reac orta, an inn, hotel (a house of entertainment).

maistrum recoile, a schoolmaster (a master of a school).

ub cince, a hen-egg (an egg of a hen.)

bean rive or bean t-rive, a fairy (a woman of the rive, a fairy hill).

## 466. A Noun and an Adjective.

Δητο-ηί, a high king.

άριο-τιξεληπα, a sovereign lord.

άητο-ηέτη, supreme power, chief power.

claon-spect, partiality; claon, inclined: and spect, a judgment.

crom-teac, a druidical altar; crom, bent; and teac, a stone, flag.

υλοη-υρειτ, condemnation; υλοη, condemned. υλοη-οχιλό, a bond-slave; οχιλό, a servant.

Deapopatain (Deapo-opa-) Deapo, real or true. tain), a brother by blood veinbriun, a sister by blood.

bhátain and riún, brother and sister (in religion).

rion-uirse, spring water: rion, true, pure; uirse, water. Saint-rion, a tempest: Sant, rough; and rion, weather. Sipp-riato, a hare: Seapp, short; and riato, a deer. nuao-ouine, an upstart: nuao, new, fresh; and ouine, a person.

rean-atain, a grandfather, rean-rean-atain (ré-reanatain), a great grandfather.

rean, old; atam, a father. mátain, a mother: Aoir, age.

rean-matain, grandmother.

peact, law; oute is a more common word for law.

rean-aoir, old age.

rean-neact, the old law. cneun-rean, a brave man.

theun-taoc, a hero.

raon-reato, a freehold: reato, possession.

cnom-tuite, a nightmare.

uaral-atain, a patriarch.

raoib-ciatt, folly, silliness: raob, silly; and ciatt, sense roin-bluatan, an adverb: roin, before; and briatan, a word.

roin-imeall, a frontier, extremity; imeall, a border, a hem.

ron-bneit, a prejudice (a fore-judgment). roin-neant, violence.

roin-éigean, oppression, compulsion.

## Formation of Adjectives.

467. (a) Adjectives may be formed from many nouns by the addition of AC or CAC, which signifies full of, abounding in. All these adjectives belong to the first declension, and are declined like vipeac.

NOUN. reans, anger ruit, blood reup, grass buaro, victory breus, a lie viceall, one's best endeavour rearam, standing sno, work ctú, fame raotan, toil túb, a loop raotal, life rait, sufficiency Alba, Scotland Sacrain, England cnaob, branch cannais, a rock bnon, sorrow rat, dirt rior, knowledge Atar, joy voiltior, sorrow

ADJECTIVE.
reansac, angry
ruiteac, bloody
reunac, grassy
buadac, victorious
bneusac, false, lying
diceatlac, energetic

rearmac, steadfast snotac, busy ctúrceac, famous raotnac, industrious Lubac, deceitful raostac, long-lived ratac, satiated Albanac, Scotch Sacranac, English cnaobac, branchy cainseac, rocky bnónac, sorrowful ralac, dirty riorac, intelligent Atarac, joyous voiltiorac, sorrowful NOUN.
ctear, a trick
tunne, weariness
unge, water
neut, a cloud
teant, a child
saot, wind
immide, anxiety
cumace, power
neute, a star
anne, care
roigio, patience
eagla, fear
toit, a will

cupam, heed

10manca, too much

ADJECTIVE. clearac, tricky cuinread, weary uirseac, watery neutac, cloudy teanbac, childish Saotac, windy imnibeac, anxious cumaccac, powerful neutcac, starry ameac, attentive roigioeac, patient eastac, timid costceanac, willing cupamac, careful 10mancac, excessive. copious

# (b). Many adjectives are formed by adding man to nouns.

All these adjectives belong to the first declension and are declined like mon.

NOUN.
Ato, luck
ceot, music
ciatt, sense
reun, grass
reoit, flesh
ronn, fancy

ADJECTIVE.
Adman, lucky.
ceotman, musical
ciallman, sensible
reupman, grassy
reotman, fleshy
ronnman, desirous

NOUN.

Ston, glory Sneann, fun tuac, price, value tion, number neanc, strength rsat, a shadow

ADJECTIVE.

Stopman, glorious Kneannman, funny tuacman, valuable Lionman, numerous neantman, powerful rzátman, shy, startled tútman, active, nimble

(c). Yery many adjectives are formed from nouns by the addition of amail or eamail (both pronounced oo-il or u-wil). All these adjectives belong to the third declension.

NOUN.

Lut. activity

rean, a man bean, a woman plait, a prince ainm, a name mear, esteem tá (pl. taete), a day Snám, hatred cans (pl. camoe), a friend nama (pl. naimoe), an enemy naimoeamait, hostile cnorde, a heart ni (gen. niot), a king

caoi (pl. caoite), a way

Sean, affection moo, manner

man, order

ADJECTIVE.

respaniant, manly beanamail, womanly rlaiteamail, generous anmeamail, renowned mearamait, estimable Laeteamail, daily Snameamail, hateful cainteamail, friendly cnordeamail, hearty, gay

niotamait, kingly, royal caoiteamail, opportune manamail, subject, docile obedient

Seanamail, affectionate modamail, mannerly

NOUN.
cin (pl. cionca), country

merneac, courage
mirneac, courage
ceine (pl. teince), fire
rtiab, (pl. rtéibre), a mountain
speann, fun
eun, a bird

comunra, a neighbour

banancar, authority

ADJECTIVE.

tiontamail, country-like, homely, social

mirneamait, courageous
ceinceamait, fiery, igneous
rtéitreamait, mountainous
Speannamait, funny, gay
eunamait, bird-like, airy
comupramait, neighbourly
banancamait, authentic

(d). There is a fourth class of adjectives formed by the termination  $\nabla \Delta$  ( $\nabla \Delta_j$ ); but it is not as large as the three preceding classes. The following are some of the principal ones:—

otada, godly, divine reamda, masculine banda, feminine omda, golden, gilt tadeda, heroic reamda, ancient ταοπα (ταοπτα) human ξηάπτα, ugly ερότα, brave beοτά, lively ξαίττα, exotic or foreign παοπτα (παοπτα), holy saintly

Compound adjectives are extremely common in Irish, being usually formed by the union of two or more simple adjectives (sometimes of a noun and an adjective); but these compound adjectives present no difficulty once the simple adjectives have been mastered.

## FORMATION OF VERBS

468. Verbs can be readily formed from nouns and adjectives by the addition of 15 or 115. The addition of this termination is sometimes accompanied by syncope, which often necessitates slight vowel changes in accordance with the rule "caot te caot."

## 469. (a). Yerbs derived from Nouns.

NOUN.

Ainm, a name
beata, life
cuimne, memory
curo, a part

cat, the back of the head raotan, exertion cuant, a visit lear, improvement neart, strength act, a decree bar, death cat, a battle ceim, a step chioc, an end chic, a trembling

VERB (Stem).

Annung, name
beacuig, nourish
cumnig, remember
curoig te, assist (take part
with)

with)
cuturs, retire
racturs, exert
cuapturs, visit, search
learurs, improve
nearturs, strengthen
acturs, decree, enact
barurs, put to death
caturs, contend, fight
ceimnis, step, advance
cuichurs, finish
cuturs, tremble

NOUN.
Sonca, hunger, injury
10mao, multitude
000, an order
rotur, a light
cur (cor), a beginning
cpeoin, a guide

pian, pain

obain, work

VERB (Stem).
Soncuis, injure
iomaouis, multiply
opouis, order, command
roittris, enlighten
coruis, begin
cheonuis, guide, lead
pianuis, cause pain
oidnis, work

## (b). Yerbs derived from Adjectives.

ADJECTIVE. Ano, high bán, white out, black booan, deaf buan, lasting rollur, apparent ruan, cold tas, weak rtán, well Cipim, dry bocc, poor ceant, right min, fine iriot, low umat, humble raivoin, rich

· VERB (Stem). Anouis, raise bánuis, whiten oubuit, blacken boonuis, deafen, bother buanuit preserve roittris, reveal, show ruanuis, cool, chill Lazuit, weaken rtanuit, make well, cure cionmuis, or chimis, dry boccuis, impoverish ceaucuis, correct minis, make fine, explain irtis, lower umtuit, humble raiobnis, enrich

The compound verbs are very few, and are therefore of little consequence to the beginner.

## PART III.-SYNTAX,

## CHAPTER L

## The Article.

470. In Irish the article always precedes its noun, and agrees with it in gender, number and case as, an reap, the man; na pp, the men; an pp, of the man; na mná, of the woman.

471. When one noun governs another in the genitive case the article cannot be used with the first noun: as, mac an fip, the son of the man; peap an tite, the man of the house, &c.

Notice the difference between the son of the man, mac an fun, and a son of the man, mac no'n fear.

Exceptions. (1) When a demonstrative adjective is used with the first noun (the governing one), the article must also be used; as article must also be used; as article must also be

(2) If the two nouns form a compound word, the article is used before the first, if used in English: a newspaper, paipeup nuaroeacca; but, the newspaper, an paipeup nuaroeacca.

(3) When the noun in the genitive case is an indefinite\* one, which denotes a part of something, the material of which a thing is made, or the contents of the first noun, the article is used with the first noun when it is used in English:—

an speim apain, the piece of bread. an mata mine, the bag of meal. an chursin uirse, the little jug of water.

We say blar apain, for, the taste of bread; bolat éirs, the smell of fish; mac nios, the son of a king; because if the noun in the genitive expresses quality, connection, or origin, the governing noun does not take the article.

472. If a nominative be followed by several genitives the article can be used only with the last (it "the" be used in English), as, crume can an capailt, the weight of the horse's head.

The article is often omitted before a noun which is antecedent to a relative clause; as, ir é oune oo bi ann. He is the person who was there.

- 473. In the following cases the definite article is frequently used in Irish though not used in English.
- (1) Before surnames, when not preceded by a Christian name, as, Raib an Dreatnac ann? Was Walsh there?

- (2) Before the names of some countries, as, an Spainn, Spain; an Prainc, France; ni na h-Eineann, the king of Ireland: also before Rome, 'ran Roim, in Rome; o'n Roim, from Rome. The article is not used before the names of Ireland, England or Scotland in the nominative and dative cases.
- (3) Before abstract nouns: an c-ocpap, hunger. Ir mait an c-anntann an c-ocpap. Hunger is a good sauce.

We frequently use an bár for "death."
The article is not used in such sentences, as:—
τά οτραγ ορπ. I am hungry.

- (4) Before nouns qualified by the demonstrative adjectives: an ream pain, that man; an bean ro, this woman.
  - (5) Before adjectives used as nouns:

an mait agur an t-otc, goodness and badness.
Ir reapp tiom an star ná an veaps. I prefer green to red.

- (6) After "Ce" meaning "which" or "what."
  Ce an rean? Which man?
  Ce an teaban? What book?
- (7) To translate "apiece," "per" or "a" before words expressing weight and measure;

Raot an ceann. Sixpence apiece.

In speaking of a period of time ra (inr an) is used: as, usin ra mbliadain, once a year.

## (8). Before titles:

An t-atain Cotan us Spamns. Father Eugene O'Growney.

An c-atain peadan us Laossine. Father Peter O'Leary.

An ooccuin Outstar Oe n-Toe. Dr. Douglas Hyde.

## (9) To express any attribute:

A bean na ocpi mbo. O woman of three cows.

(10) The article is used before the word denoting the use to which a thing is put, or the place where a thing is found or produced.

Mata na mine. The meal bag, i.e., the bag for holding meal.

Chuirsin an uirse. The water-jug.

Compare these with the following:

An mate mine. The bag of meal.

An entirgin urge. The jug of water.

- (11) Before the word "uite" meaning "every."
  An uite reap. Every man.
  An uite tip. Every country.
- (12) Whenever an indefinite noun, accompanied by an adjective is predicated of a pronoun by means of the verb ir, the definite article must be used with the noun whenever the adjective is placed immediately after the verb.

îr bheát an tá é. It is a fine day. Ir mait an reap tú. You are a good man. (13) Before the names of seasons, months, days of the week (when not preceded by the word oé).

An é an Sataph atá againn? Is to-day Saturday?

An inou an luan?
An é reo an luan?

Is this Monday?

Inou an Aome. To-day is Friday.

## CHAPTER II

## The Noun.

474. In Irish one noun governs another in the genitive case, and the governed noun comes after the governing one.

Ceann an capailt. The horse's head.

The noun, capaill, in the genitive case is aspirated by the article because it is masculine gender. It would not be aspirated if it were feminine. (See par. 40.)

475. When the governed noun in the genitive is a proper name it is generally aspirated, whether it be masculine or feminine, although the article is not used.

peann maine. Mary's pen. Leanan Seasain. John's book.

The last rule is by no means generally true of place names. 476. When the noun in genitive case has the force of an adjective, it is not preceded by the article, but its initial consonant is subject to precisely the same rules, with regard to aspiration and eclipsis, as if it were a simple adjective, i.e., it is aspirated if the governing noun be nominative or accusative singular feminine, or genitive singular masculine. It is eclipsed if the governing noun be in the genitive plural.

ub cince, a hen-egg (an egg of a hen)
uibe cince, of a hen-egg.
rean ceoit, a musician.
rin ceoit, of a musician.
na brean sceoit, of the musicians.

477. Apposition has almost entirely disappeared in modern Irish, the second noun being now usually in the nominative case, no matter what the case of the first may be.

478. A noun used adjectively in English is translated into Irish by the genitive case.

A gold ring, rainne oin (lit. a ring of gold).

A hen-egg, un cince.

Oatmeal, min coince.

479. Collective nouns (except in their own plurals) always take the article and qualifying adjectives in the singular; they sometimes take a plural pronoun, and may take a plural verb.

Cangadan an burdean cupad rin do Lacan rinn agur do beannuit riad do. That company of warriors came into the presence of Finn, and saluted him (lit. to him).

480. Nouns denoting fulness or a part of anything are usually followed by the preposition oe and the dative case, but the genitive is also used.

ceann (or ξαύαμ) σ'άμ ηξαύμαιθ, one of our hounds.

δάμη πο ΰμόιξε, the top of my shoe.

Lán mo τομημη, the full of my fist.

In phrases such as "some of us," "one of them," &c., "of us," "of them," &c., are usually translated by azann, aca, &c.; but oinn, viob, &c., may also be used.

481. The personal numerals from viar to vareus inclusive (see par. 177) generally take their nouns in the genitive plural: being mac, two sons; naonwan rean, nine men (lit. two of sons, nine of men).

A thin mac agur a ochin ban. His three sons and their three wives.

482. When used partitively they take oe with the dative.

Daro re naondan viot ra'n toc. He drowned nine of them under the lake. Naon naondan ve maonato na h-Eineann. Nine times nine of the stewards of Erin.

#### Personal Nouns.

483. An Irish name consists of two parts, the ammbairor (or simply ainm), which corresponds to the English Christian name, and the rtoinnead, the surname or family name.

Surnames were first used in Ireland about the eleventh century a until that time every Irish personal name was significant, and sometimes rendered more so by the application of some epithet. "In the early ages individuals received their names from epithets implying some personal peculiarity, such as colour of hair, complexion, size, figure, certain accidents of deformity, mental qualities, such as bravery, flerceness, &c." Joyce's "Irish Names of Places."

484. When the Christian name is used in addressing a person, it is always in the vocative case, and preceded by the particle  $\Delta$ , which causes aspiration, e.g.:

ran tiom, a Seatáin. Wait for me, John. Oia ouir, a Seumair. Good morning, James.

**485.** When the Christian name is in the genitive case, it is aspirated, e.g.:

Leaban Maine. Mary's book. Ssian Seoinre. George's knife.

486. Surnames when not preceded by a Christian name usually take the termination  $\Delta C$ , which has the force of a patronymic (or father-name), and are declined like mapeac (par. 57). They are usually preceded by the article except in the vocative case: an Paopac, Power; capattan Opianais, O'Brien's horse

Two forms are admissible in the vocative case; facility of pronunciation is the best guide, e.g., 5ab iter, a Operanais. Come here, O'Brien. A Mic Ui Laosaipe, O'Leary. A Mic Ui Suione, MacSweeney.

487. Surnames occurring in Ireland to-day are of three classes: (1) Surnames of Gaelic origin. These in almost every instance have the prefix O (Ua) or Mac for a male, and Ni or Nic for a female. (2) Surnames of old foreign origin. The majority of these have no prefix. (3) Surnames of late foreign origin. Only a few of these have acquired a distinct form, pronounced in an Irish way.

488. When the surname is preceded by any of the words O (UA), MAC, Ni, Nic, the surname is in the genitive case, and is aspirated after Ni or Nic, but not after O or MAC: e.g., Seasan MAC Tomnatt, John McDonnell; Maipe Ni Conatt, Mary O'Connell; Tolapmuro O Conatt, Dermot O'Connell; Nopa Nic Tomnatt, Nora McDonnell.

489. When the whole name is in the genitive case, the words after the (gen. of O or that) and this (gen. of mac) are aspirated; the and the do not change in genitive. Leadan Seuman the Opinin, James O'Brien's book; to Opinin this Commatt, Brian McDonnell's cow.

490. mac and O aspirate when they really mean "son" and "grandson" respectively.

mac Oomnatt, Donal's son. mac Oomnatt, McDonnell. O Oplain, Brian's grandson. O Oplain, O'Brien.

491. Some surnames take the article after mac and the—e.g.:

Seumar Mac an Vaipo, James Ward. nopa nic an Ultais, Nora McNulty.

# CHAPTER III. The Adjective.

492. An adjective may be used either predicatively or attributively. An adjective is used predicatively when it is predicated of a noun by a verb, and in this case it is usually separated from the noun by the verb. "The way was long, the wind was cold." "The day is fine." "He made the mantles green." "Long," "cold," "fine," and "green" are used predicatively. An adjective is used attributively whenever it is not separated from the noun by the verb, and is not predicated of a noun by a verb: as, "The infirm old minstrel went wearily along." "He made the green mantles." The adjectives "infirm," "old," and "green" are here used attributively.

493. In Irish almost every common adjective can be used both predicatively and attributively. There are, however, one or two exceptions: opoc, bad, and veak, good, can never be used predicatively. If "bad" or "good" be used predicatively in the English sentence, we must use otc, bad, or mait, good, in Irish. Never say or write in veak é for "he is good," but in mait é, &c.

The adjective 10mos is always used predicatively with 1p. In Munster 'mo is used instead of 10mos.

ir 10mba mancae vo sat an truse reo. (Tis) many a rider (that) has gone this way.

# ADJECTIVE USED ATTRIBUTIVELY.

- (a) The Position of the Adjective.
- 494. As a general rule the adjective follows its noun in Irish: as, teaban mon, a big book; rean marc, a good man.
- Exceptions. (1) A numeral adjective, whether ordinal or cardinal, when it consists of one word, always precedes its noun: as the ba, three cows; oá the, two hens. The interrogative, possessive, and most of the indefinite adjectives also precede their noun.
- (2) Monosyllabic adjectives are frequently placed before the noun, but then the noun and adjective form a compound noun, and consequently the initial of the noun is aspirated, when possible. This is

always the case with adjectives: oeas, good; onoc, bad; rean, old; and frequently with nuao, new; and rion, true. In this position the form of the adjectives never changes for number or case, but it is subject to the very same initial changes as if it were a noun.

rean-fean, an old man; rean-fin, old men. cheun-fean, a brave man; ano-ni, a high king. an crean-bean, the old woman; Lam an crean-fin, the hand of the old man.

(3) When a name consists of two words the adjective frequently comes between them: as, "Stiat Seat SCua," "the bright Slieve Gua."

# (b) Agreement of the Adjective.

When an adjective is used attributively and follows its noun, it agrees with the noun in gender, number, and case: as, bean mon, a big woman; mac an tin mon, the son of the big man; na rin mona, the big men.

For the aspiration and eclipsis of the adjective see par. 149.

495. Since the adjective in English has no inflexion for gender, it is quite a common thing to have one adjective qualifying two or more nouns of different genders. Sometimes in Irish we meet with one adjective qualifying two nouns of different genders or numbers; in such cases the adjective follows the

latter noun, and agrees with it alone. However, the more usual method is to use the adjective after each noun: as,

Fear mait agur bean mait. A good man and woman.

## ADJECTIVE USED PREDICATIVELY.

# (a) Position of the Adjective.

496. An adjective used predicatively always follows its noun, except when it is predicated by means of the verb 1S, in any of its forms, expressed or understood.

The men are good, Tá na rip mait. The day is fine, Tá an tá bpeát.

If the verb ir be used in these sentences, notice the position of the adjective and the use of the pronoun.

The men are good, 1r mait na rip 140.
The day is fine, 1r bpeát an tá é.

# (b) Agreement of the Adjective.

An adjective used predicatively never agrees with its noun in either gender, number, or case: in other words, the simple form of the adjective is always used.

Moreover, it is never aspirated nor eclipsed by the noun.

497. When the adjective comes immediately after the Past Tense or Conditional of ir (i.e., b. or buo),

its initial is generally aspirated, when possible; but in this case it is not the noun which causes aspiration.

Da bpeat an la é. It was a fine day.

498. Notice the difference in meaning between the following:—

Rinne ré na rzeana zeupa Rinne ré zeup na rzeana Rinne ré na rzeana zeup

Tá an bó món dub. Tá an bó dub món.

Tá an orôce popéa flué. Tá an orôce flué popéa. He made the sharp knives.

He made the knives sharp.

The big cow is black.
The black cow is big.
The night is dark and wet.
The wet night is dark.

499. Adjectives denoting fulness or a part of anything are usually followed by oe with the dative case:

full of milk, tan ve bainne.

two barrels full of water, oá bapaite tán o' uirse.

## NUMERAL ADJECTIVES.

## Position of the Words.

500. A numeral adjective, whether ordinal or cardinal, when it consists of one word, goes before the noun.

ceitre capaill, four horses; ré caoinit, six sheep.
an ceur buacaill, the first boy.

The words for 40, 60, 80, 200, 300, &c., also precede their nouns.

501. A numeral adjective, except those just mentioned, consisting of two or more words, takes its noun immediately after the first part of the numeral: as,

ceithe capailt veuy, fourteen horses.

vá uan veuy, twelve lambs.

vá buin veuy ir chí richo, seventy-two cows.

502. When we wish to express large numbers in Irish, we may either place the unit digit first, then the tens, next the hundreds, and so on; or we may express them in the English order. Convenience for utterance and clearness of sense are the best guides in any particular case.

The word ASUS is generally used with the larger numbers CEAO, mile, etc., and 18 with the smaller ones.

129 miles, céaro (mite) agur naoi mite ricearo.

79 horses, naoi Scapaill véas ir thí ricio.

5,635 men, cúis mile agur ré céar rean agur cúis rin réas an ficire.

356 sheep, ré cooinis véas ir vá ticio asur (an) thi céan.

1,666 years, ré bliadha ir thi richo agur (ap) ré céad agur (ap) mile.

519 A.D., Δοιγ το 'n τιξεδηπα τύις τέδο αξυγ πλοι τέδος.

52,000 of the Roman army, và mile véas ir và ricio mile ve rluas Românac.

More than 400 years, cuille(at) (their) agur ceithe céat bliatain.

About 80, cuainim le (or cimécall le) ceitne ricio.

,, 15 ,, ,, 17 ,, ,,

The word ruise is often added to make it clear that miles not thousands is meant. Se mile ruise, or remite [ve] ruise, six miles.

- 503. The initials of the numerals undergo the very same changes with regard to aspiration and eclipsis as a noun would in the same position.
- 504. The article prefixes c to somman, first, and to occurso, eighth, whether the following noun be masculine or feminine: as,

an c-occmao bean, the eighth woman.

Initial Changes produced by the Numerals.

505. Aon, one; vá, two; ceuv, first; and thear, third, aspirate the initial of the following word: as,

aon bó amáin, one cow; an ceuro reap, the first

506. Aon, prefixes t to the letter r; but has no effect on to or t: aon arat amáin, one ass; aon cor amáin, one foot; aon trazant amáin, one priest; aon trat amáin, one rod; aon treabac amáin, one hawk; tá reabac, two hawks; aon taob amáin, one side.

507. Seact, seven; oct, eight; naon, nine; and perc, ten; and their compounds eclipse the initial

of the following noun and prefix n to vowels; react mba, seven cows; perc n-ubta, ten apples.

508. Cpi, ceiche, cūiς and ré have usually no effect on consonants (except ceuro, 100, and mite, 1000); but cpi, ceiche, ré, and rapa prefix h to vowels: as, cpi ba, three cows; cpi h-arait, three asses; ré h-ubta, six apples; 'ran rapa h-air, in the second place; cpi ceuro, 300; ceiche mite, 4000.

Cpi, cerche, cúis and ré (as well as react, oct, &c.), cause eclipsis in the genitive plural: a bean na och mbo. O woman of three cows! that cerche bount four pound's worth.

The Number of the Noun after the Numerals.

509. The noun after son is always in the singular, even in such numbers as 11, 21, 31, 41, &c. The other numerals (except of) may take the singular number when unity of idea is expressed: e.g., son ubutt oess, eleven apples; desumad re ap no this buttle bustod. He forgot to strike the three blows.

510. When a noun has two forms in the plural, a short form and a long one, the short form is preferred after the numerals: as

naoi n-uaine, nine times; not naoi n-uaineanna.

511. In Modern Irish the numerals rice, 20; v.i riciv, 40, &c., ceuv, 100; mite, 1,000, are regarded as simple numeral adjectives which take the noun after them in the singular number.

512. This peculiar construction has arisen from the fact that these numerals are really nouns, and formerly governed the nouns after them in the genitive plural. As the genitive plural of most Irish nouns has exactly the same form as the nominative singular, the singular form has come to be almost universally used in Modern Irish after these numerals. Formerly they would use ceup ban and pice 2001ac, but now we use ceup bean and pice 2001a.

513. The word ceann and its plural conn are often used with numerals when the noun is not expressed in English: as, Cameuo (an'mo) teadan agat? Cá τό ceann τους agam. How many books have you? I have twelve.

Tá ceann (or ouine) aca ing an tis.
There is one of them in the house.

#### The Dual Number.

514. Os, "two," always takes the noun after it in the dual number (neither singular nor plural), which in every Irish noun has the same form as the dative singular. This does not at all imply that the noun after oa is in the dative case. It is in the dative singular form, but it may be in any of the five cases, according to its use in the sentence. All the cases of the dual number are alike, but the form of the genitive plural is often used for the genitive dual: oa buin, two cows; oa sabain, two smiths; tan a oa tain or tan a oa tain, the full of his two hands.

515. The article which qualifies a noun in the dual number will always be in the singular form.

516. The adjective which qualifies a noun in the dual number will be in the plural form, but really in the dual number; the pronouns belonging to the noun will be in the plural form; and the verb may, but need not be; because in these parts of speech the dual number and the plural number have the same forms.

517. The initial of an adjective\* qualifying and agreeing with a noun in the dual number will be aspirated, no matter what the gender or case of the noun may be: as,

oá tig oeug, twelve houses.

an oá láim bána, the two white hands.

tan a oá láim beag, the full of her two little hands.

518. The o of oa is usually aspirated, except after words ending in o, n, c, t, r (dentals), or after the possessive adjective a, her.

a oa cor beasa, her two little feet.

<sup>\*</sup>Except demonstrative, possessive, indefinite, and interrogative adjectives.

# The Possessive Adjective.

- 519. A possessive adjective can never be used without a noun: as, her father and his, a n-atain agur a atain.
- 520. The possessive adjectives always precede their nouns: as, mo matan, my mother.
- 521. The possessives mo, my; το, thy; and a, his, aspirate the initial of their nouns; άη, our; τομ, your; and a, their, cause eclipsis: as, a τάπ, his poem; το πάταιη, thy mother; a τάπ, her poem; a πτάπ, their poem.
- 522. If a noun begins with a vowel, mo, my, and oo, thy, become m' and o' (τ or t); a, his, has no effect; a, her, prefixes h; and a, their, prefixes n; án, our, and bun, your, also prefix n to vowels: as, a atain, his father; a n-atain, her father; a n-atain, their father; m'rean, my husband; o'eun, your bird; án n-anán taeteamait, our daily bread; bun n-abnán, your song.
- 523. The possessive adjectives, when compounded with prepositions (see par. 186), have the same influence over the initials of their nouns as they have in their uncompounded state: as, oom matain, to my mother; om tin, from my country.

524. When the portion of a thing which belongs to one or more persons is to be expressed by the possessive adjectives, the name of the thing is preceded by curo, with the possessive adjective before it. The name of the thing is in the genitive case—genitive singular if quantity be implied, but genitive plural if number—as, my bread, mo curo apain (lit. my share of bread); his wine, a curo rions; their horses, a scuro capatt.

This rule is not always followed; for instance, we sometimes find m'fion, my wine; but mo curo fions is more idiomatic.

525. The word curo is never used in this way before the name of a single object.

mo teaban, my book; a 5capatt, their horse. a teaban, his book; but a curo teaban, his books. a bo, her cow; a curo bo, her cows.

- 526. The word curo is not used in such phrases as mo cora, my feet; mo ruite, my eyes; a cháma, his bones, &c.
- 527. When the emphatic suffix is used, some make it follow curo; others make it follow the noun: as, mo curo-re anám or mo curo anám-re.

# CHAPTER IV.

## THE PRONOUN.

## Personal Pronoun.

- 528 The personal pronouns agree with the nouns for which they stand in gender, number and person: as, He is a big man. 1r mon an reap 6. They are big men. 1r mon na rin 120.
- 529. A personal pronoun which stands for a noun the gender of which is different from its sex, agrees in gender with the sex of the noun; as, 1r mart an cartin i. She is a good girl. 1r otc an comupra é. He is a bad neighbour.
- 530. In Irish we have no neuter pronoun corresponding to the English "it;" hence, in translating "it," we must determine the gender of the Irish noun (masculine or feminine) and then use re (he) or ri (she) accordingly:\* as, It is terrible weather. 1r cautre an aimpir i. Is to-day Friday? An i an Aome ατά αξαιπη? Oob i an ripinne i. It was the truth. Cá an carún αξαπ, πi ruit re chom. I have the hammer, it is not heavy.

<sup>\*</sup> The word are although femiuine takes sometimes a masculine pronoun, as, it vear an are é. It is a nice place.

Notice also-

or i ho dapamant, mo tuarpum, &c. It is my opinion, &c., &c. ir i

- 531. The pronoun cú, thou, is always used to translate the English "you" when only one person is referred to; as, How are you? Cionnar cá cú? What a man you are! nac cú an rean!
- 532. The personal pronouns, whether nominative or accusative, always come after the verb; as, motann ré tú, he praises you.
- 533. The disjunctive forms of the personal pronouns are used immediately after the verb 1S in any of its forms expressed or understood; as, if é an reap taroin é. He is a strong man. An é a ruain é? Was it he who found it? Mac í o' insean í? Is she not your daughter?
- 534. A personal pronoun which stands for a sentence, or part of a sentence, is third person singular, masculine gender. An nuo aoutane mé, if é aoeinim anír. What I said, I repeat.
- 535. The accusative personal pronoun usually comes last in the sentence or clause to which it belongs: as, O'ras re an an art rin 100. He left them at that place. Rus re terr mite eite é. He brought it with him another mile. O'rasar im o1010 é. I left it after me.

#### Relative Pronoun.

536. The relative particle follows its antecedent and precedes its verb: as, an rean a coologar, the man who will sleep.

- 637. The relative particle, whether expressed or understood, always causes aspiration: as, an pean bear as obam, the man who will be at work.
- 538. The relative when preceded by a preposition causes eclipsis (unless the verb be in the Past Tense). When the relative a signifies "all that" or "what" it causes eclipsis: as, an aic in-a b-ruit ré, the place in which he is; a bruit i moute-áca-Ctiac, all that is in Dublin.
- 539. When the relative is governed by a preposition and followed by a verb in the Past Tense, the relative combines with no (the old sign of the Past Tense), and does not eclipse: an aic an cuic Aoo, the place where (in which) Hugh fell.
- 540. The eight verbs which do not admit of the compounds of no being used before them (see par. 279) form an exception to the last rule: as, an cip in-a ocaining re, the country into which he came.
- pronoun is governed by a preposition, the pronoun very often comes before the governing word: as, What are you speaking about? The man that he gave the book to is here. In colloquial Irish it is a very common practice to separate the relative particle from the preposition which governs it; but instead of using a simple preposition at the end of the sentence, as in English, we use a prepositional pronoun. Thus we

can say—an reap as a bruit an bo, or more usually, ar reap a bruit an bo aise,\* the man who has the cow; an reap ap biotar an capatt terr, or an reap ter biotar an capatt, the man to whom I sold the horse.

542. The forms pand or pand, pand, tend, mand, &c., are compounds of a preposition, relative particle; "no," the sign of the Past Tense; and by or but the Past Tense of ir.

vanv=vo+a+no+ba=to whom was. tenv=te+a+no+ba=with or by whom was.

as, bean vant ann buto, a woman whose name was Brigid.

543. As the accusative case of the relative particle has exactly the same form as the nominative, the context must determine, in those tenses in which the verb has no distinct termination for the relative, whether the relative particle is the subject or object of the verb; an reap a bualt Seasan, may mean, The man whom John struck, or The man who struck John.

# Translation of the Genitive Case of the English Relative.

**644.** The Irish relative has no inflection for case; hence, in order to translate the English word "whose"

<sup>&</sup>quot;An rean 50 b-ruit an bo aige is also used.

when not an interrogative, we must use one of the prepositions  $(n_5, n_0, 1)$ +relative particle+possessive adjective (before the noun).

The man whose son was sick.

an real 
$$\begin{cases} a24 \\ 1 & n-a \end{cases}$$
. Nate  $a$  that tinn.

but od, a5d, or '5d, 1 n-a are often shortened to a, 50, and 'na; hence the above sentence in colloquial Irish would be—

an reap 
$$\left\{\begin{array}{c} a \\ 50 \\ na \end{array}\right\}$$
 half a mac tinn.

The woman whose son is sick visited us yesterday.

an bean to 
$$\begin{cases} 50 \\ 754 \\ & & \text{dec tinn taining rise} \end{cases}$$
 an cuarre ince cusainn.

545. To translate the English relative pronoun when governed by an active participle, we employ a somewhat similar construction; as—

The hare that the hounds are pursuing.

An suppriso so bruit no sodan and tons (or an a ton, or as tonasteact an).

The man whom I am striking.

An reaμ ατά αξαμ 'ά (υ'ά, ξά) υμαίαυ.

546. The relative a meaning all that, what, may itself be genitive; as, τριαπ a μαιδ ann, a third of what were there. "Deip beaning of om choide cum a maineann an banchoic cipeann ois." "Bear a blessing from my heart to all those who live on the fair hills of Holy Ireland."

The relative a in this sentence is genitive case being governed by cum (see par. 603).

#### CHAPTER V.

#### The Verb.

547. As a general rule the verb precedes its nominative: as, tá ré, he is; ví an ream ann, the man was there.

Exceptions. (1) When the subject is a relative or an interrogative pronoun the verb comes after its subject; as,

An buacaill a buailear mé. The boy who strikes me.

Cao atá agat? What have you?

(2) In a relative sentence the nominative though not a relative pronoun may precede its verb; but as the noun is usually far separated from the verb, a personal pronoun is used as a sort of temporary subject, so that really the noun and its pronoun are nominative to the same verb: as,

An rean atá 'na fearam ag an copar buail ré an capall. The man who is standing at the door struck the horse.

Compare the similar use of the French pronoun or; or the English "He that shall persevere unto the end, he shall be saved."

(3) The nominative often precedes its verb in poetry, and sometimes even in prose.

Rat 50 pair onc! Success to you!

548. Transitive verbs govern the accusative case; and the usual order of words is, Yerb, Subject, Object. When the subject or object is a relative or an interrogative pronoun it precedes the verb.

To pinne Seagán an báo pain. John made that boat. To buail an buacailt é. The boy struck him.

For the conditions under which a verb is aspirated or eclipsed, see pars. 21(g) and 26(e).

## Use of the Subjunctive Mood.

549. The most frequent use of the present subjunctive is with the conjunction 50, expressing a wish. If the wish be negative use nan (except with part).

50 mbeannuitio Oia ouic! May God bless you!

So broinio Oia onainn! God help us!

So océis tú rtán! Safe home! (may you go

safely)!

ทลัก เอเราช์ Oia rin! May God not allow that!

God forbid!

So paid mait agat! Thank you!

na pait mait agat! No thanks to you!

550. The subjunctive is also used after no 50, 50 or ACT 50, all meaning "until"; and after muna, "unless," but only when there is an element of doubt.

ται απητό το σταξασ αμίτ. Μυπα τουξαιό τύ απ τ-αιητέασ σοπ. Stay here till I come again.
Unless you believe me.
Unless you give me the
money.

551. Sul A, Sul FA, Sul má, Sul OÁ, all meaning "before," when used with reference to an event not considered as an actual occurrence, take the subjunctive; as,

Imits tear rut a versary an maistrep. Be off with you, before the master comes.

552. The past subjunctive is found after Oá or muna to express a supposed condition. They may also take a conditional. In translating the English phrases "if he believed," "if he had believed" (im-

plying that he did not believe), we use of with the past subjunctive; but as this Tense is identical in form with the Imperfect Tense, it may be said that it is the Imperfect Tense which is employed in this case.

If you were to see Donal on the following day you would pity him.

Oá breicteá Oomnatt an maioin tá an n-a bánac bao thuat teac é.

If you were to give me that book.

Dá ocustá-ra oomra an leaban rin.

If it were true for him. Os mbao rion oo e.

All the particles given above can also be used with the past subjunctive in reference to past time.

553. In the passive voice the present and past subjunctive are identical in form with the Present and Imperfect Tenses (respectively) of the Indicative Mood.

May it be worn out well. So scattean so mate é. May it never be worn out. Man cattean so veo é. If it were worn out. Oá scattí é.

#### Relative Form of the Yerb.

554. The relative form of the verb is used after the relative particle a, when it is the subject of the verb; (but never after the negative relative nac, which or who...not). It has a distinct form in two, and only

two, Tenses—the Present and the Future. In these two Tenses it ends in ar or ear. In all the other Tenses the third person singular is used after the relative pronoun. The verb is aspirated after the relative, expressed or understood; but nac eclipses.

tense is not used in the spoken Language of to-day (except in proverbs). In Connaught the final r of the relative form is added to the form for the 3rd person singular; e.g., an pean a busiteannr, the man who strikes; an buscaitt a turgeannr, the boy who understands. The literary form of the relative in the future tense is retained in full vigour in Connaught; e.g., an pean a busitear, the man who will strike. In Munster the relative form has entirely disappeared in both the present and the future tenses (except in proverbs). The 3rd person singular form has taken its place; e.g., an pean a busiteann, the man who strikes.

556. As the relative has no inflection for case, ambiguity sometimes arises: e.g., an team a buant Seasan, may mean, either the man who struck John, or, the man whom John struck. The context usually solves the difficulty. The following construction is sometimes employed in order to obviate any ambiguity:—

An pean a buait Seagán. The man who struck John.
An pean gun buait Seagán The man whom John
é. struck.

557. Cionnur, how; nuan, when; and map, as, are followed by the relative form of the verb in the Present and Future, and the verb is aspirated; but with cionnur a, cia an caoi, cia an nor, cia an moo, or any

other such locutions, the eclipsing  $\Delta$  or 1 (in which) is used before the verb. Before the Past Tense, of course,  $\Delta n$  ( $\Delta + n$ 0) is used. Clonnup  $\Delta$  bruit  $\tau u$ ? How are you?

 $m_{\Delta p}$  is also followed by the ordinary Present and Future.

558. Sul, "before," has two usages. It may be followed by the relative forms—e.g., put tiocrap ré, put táining ré; or else it may be followed by one of the particles a, má, rá, vá, all of which eclipse.

**559.** After these particles, the Subjunctive Mood is often used when the event is future and uncertain, or contains a mental element: as—

1mtit leat rul a breició ré tú. . . .

Be off (with you) before he sees you (i.e., so that he may not see you).

It is not correct to eclipse after the word rut, as rut ocanns, although sometimes done.

560. The relative form of the Present Tense is frequently used as a historic present, even when no relative occurs in the sentence: as—

noctar einemon voit, Eremon revealed to them.

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being discharged by the verbal noun. It follows from this statement that there is no such thing as a sign of the infinitive mood in Irish.

Ir mait tiom riubat. I wish to walk.

Outpar terr zan ceacc. I told him not\* to come.

Tá opmpa peiteam. I have to wait.

nion mait tiom bean- I did not wish to salute nutation.

ni tiz te mála rolain An empty bag cannot rearain. stand.

**862.** In the above examples, and in thousands of similar ones, the Irish verbal noun is an exact equivalent in sense of the English infinitive, sign and all. If any one of the prepositions oo (or a), te or cum, be used before the verbal nouns in the above examples, the result is utter nonsense. Now consider the following examples:—

Ir mait tiom an botan oo I wish to walk the road. riubat.

ir mait tiom rocat oo I wish to speak a word.

<sup>\*</sup> Not before the English infinitive is translated by zan (a prep., without).

Outsing m'acain tiom san My father told me not to an capatt to o ofot. Sell the horse.

ir coin out an reun oo You ought to cut the grass.

An reivin teat an caint Can you understand the conversation?

ir mian tiom ticip oo I wish to write a letter.

563. The preposition on in the above examples and ones like them between the noun and the verbal noun, is very often, in the spoken language, softened to a: and this a is not heard before or after a vowel: as,

Ir coin our comainte 'stacao. You ought to take advice.

564. In any sentence of the first set of examples there is question of only one thing; e.g., γιυδαλ, τεαότ, γειτεαή, &c., but in each of the sentences of the second set there is a relation between two things: e.g., δόταγ and γιυδαλ, γοταλ and Lαδαίγτ, &c., and to express this relationship a preposition is used between the two nouns. If the relation between the nouns be altered the preposition must also be altered, as—

Tá bótan agam te mubat, I bave a road to walk.

Tá capatt agam te viot, I have a horse for sale (to sell).

Cá reun asac le bainc, You have grass to cut.

565. There is still another preposition which can be used between the nouns to express another alteration in meaning—

Tá reac cum comnuite I have a house to live in. agam.

Tá capatt cum mancuis- He has a horse to ride on. eacta aige.

If in any one of these sentences the wrong preposition be employed the proper meaning cannot be expressed.

566. In translating the simple English infinitive of an intransitive verb, use the simple verbal noun in Irish: as,

He told me to go to Cork. Outsing ré tiom out 50 Concais.

An empty bag cannot 11 tiz le mála rolam stand. rearam.

It is impossible to write ni réivip repiodad san without learning. rożlaim.

I prefer to walk, 17 reapy tiom riubat. He cannot stand. 11 tiz teir rearam.

Tell him to sit down. Abain terr rurde rior.

Tell them to go away. Abain teo imteact.

567. When the English intransitive infinitive expresses purpose (i.e., the gerundial infinitive), use the preposition te.

He came to stay, Cámis ré le ranamaint.

I have a word to say, Cá rocat asam le labaint.

You are to wait, Tá cú le reiceam,

I am to go, Cáim te out.

568. When the English verb is transitive and in the simple infinitive (no purpose implied) use the preposition oo or the softened form a.

My father told me to buy Outline m'acain tiom a horse. capatt to ceannac.

You ought to have cut Da coin our an reun oo the grass.

He told me not to shut Outaint re tiom gan an' the door. vonar to tunat.

Would you like to read An mian teat an teadan this book?

569. When the English infinitive is transitive, and also expresses purpose, use either Cun or Le before the noun which is the object of the English infinitive, and OO before the verbal noun in Irish; cun takes

the noun after it in the genitive; te becomes terp before the article, and then causes eclipsis if the noun be singular.

He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Clockard Sé cum pheiteannair do tabanc an beodaid agur an mandaid.

He came to buy a horse. Canno ré le capall co ceannac.

He went to strike the men. Cuaro re cun na bresh to bualat.

He went to strike the man. Cuard re terr an break to buatad.

He said that to praise the Ouvaint re rin teir an girl. Scattin vo motav.

He came to buy the horse. Cáinig ré cum an capaill a ceannac.

570. We can also express the above by means of the preposition oo alone, but in this case we must put the verbal noun before the other noun. This latter will, of course, be now in the genitive case, because one noun governs another in the genitive case. This is the only governing power the verbal noun has in Irish.

He came to buy the horse. Cámis ré vo ceannac an capait.

He went to strike the man. Cuaro re vo buatav an rip.

Did you come to strike An ocangair to bualate

John? Seafain?

He came to make fun. Cainis ré vo veunam

Շխոր.

They came to make war. Cángaran ro reunam cogarr.

N.B.—This latter method is not often used in the spoken language.

571. When the English infinitive is passive, and also expresses purpose, use te.

He is to be hanged. 

Τά γε το τρούτα, or te beit choύτα.

The milk is to be drunk. The milk is to be drunk. The milk is to be drunk. The milk is to be drunk. The milk is to be drunk. The milk is to be drunk. The milk is to be drunk. The milk is to be drunk. The milk is to be drunk. The milk is to be drunk.

the fair.

The grass is to be cut.

The house is to be sold.

The house is to be sold.

The house is to be sold.

There is no one to be seen ni fuit oume an bit te on the road.

572. When a personal pronoun is the object of the English infinitive and the latter does not express purpose, we translate as follows:—

You ought not to strike me. The coin our me to bualat.

I wished to strike him. (Da mian tiom 6 00 buatao.

I wish to praise her.

(1r mian tiom i oo molad. Ir mian tiom a motato.

It is not right to strike (ni com 140 00 bualat. Mi com a mbualat. them.

It is a bad thing to wound me.

Tr ole an nuo mé oo gonao. Tr ole an nuo mo gonao.

I cannot understand it.

ni tis tiom a tuispint (its understanding).

was?

Could you tell me who it An reroin teat a\* innrint oom cia 'nb'é?

A desire to kill them came Cainis mian a manota upon me. onmra.

In this sentence manuta is the genitive case (after the noun mian) of the verbal noun manbab.

573. When the English infinitive governing a personal pronoun expresses purpose, we translate as follows :--

He came to strike me.

(táinis ré vom vustav. Camis ré le mé vo bualav.

I went to strike them.

Cuaro mé vá moualao. Cuaro mé le 1-140 00

<sup>.</sup> Whenever the object of the verbal noun is a phrase, it cannot be put in the genitive case, but the possessive adjective a is used before the verbal noun.

They are coming to wound They are coming to wound nonoto.

Us.

They are coming to wound nonoto.

They are coming to wound nonoto.

If we used the autonomous form in this last sentence we would get—

They are coming to wound They are coming to wound nsonato.

United as teach to find the following the control of the control o

574. The English present participle is usually translated by the verbal noun preceded by the preposition as. If the English present participle expresses "rest" (e.g., standing, sitting, lying, sleeping, &c.), the verbal noun must be preceded by the preposition (=in) compounded with a suitable possessive adjective (§ 186).

They are coming.

The boy was standing.

The woman is standing.

- 575. The verbal noun in each of the above is dative case, governed by the preposition  $a_5$ .
- 576. When the English present participle governs an objective case, the object if a noun will follow the verbal noun in Irish and will be in the genitive case.

He is cutting the grass.

The property of the second of th

Are you reading the letter? Orust to as tersead na Licne?

Who was beating the child? Cia bi as bualad an temb?

577. If the object of the English present participle be a personal pronoun we cannot translate as in the above sentences, because the pronouns have no genitive case; hence instead of using the personal pronouns we must employ the possessive adjectives. Possessive adjectives must always precede the nouns which they qualify.

Tá ré 'sam (or asom) buatao (lit. he is at my beating). Are you breaking it? Bruit tú 'tá (aga) bjureato? Are you breaking them? Bruit tú 'sá (asa) mbnirearo? He is praising us. Tá ré tán (at án) motar. Is he not burning them? nac bruit ré 'sa (asa)

He is striking me.

ni puit piao 'sá (asa) They are not striking her. bualañ.

noosao?

Note carefully the initial effects of the possessive adjectives on the verbal nouns after them.

578. Preceded by an, the Yerbal Noun has the force of a Present Participle Passive, denoting a continued or habitual state: as,

Mi fuit an teanga rin an That language is not tabaint anoir. spoken now.

The harp is hanging on an 115615. The bough.

Sgeut an teanamainc. A continued story.

In this idiom an neither aspirates nor eclipses.

579. With tap, after (eclipsing), the Yerbal Noun has the force of a Perfect Participle: as,

1an oceact i n-Cininn oo Daonais, Patrick having come into Ireland.

But in this idiom 14n is usually shortened to an: as, an oceaec, &c., the eclipsis being retained. In colloquial language the Verbal Noun is commonly aspirated, not eclipsed, by an in this usage.

580. San is the word used to express negation with the Yerbal Noun: as, san teact, not to come.

Abain to Opian san an sont oo theabao. Tell Brian not to plough the field.

581. San with the Verbal Noun has the force of the Passive Participle in English with un prefixed: as,

mo cúig púine otna agur iao gan rníóin, My five pounds of wool, and they unspun. 582. The genitive of the Yerbal Noun is often used where a relative or infinitive clause would be used in English: as,

Mion rásar rean innirce rseit, There was not a man left to tell the tidings.

Castin bear charden a mbo,
The pretty girl who milks the cows (lit. of the
milking, &c.).

583. The following examples will be studied with advantage. They are culled from Father O'Leary's mion-came:—

Someone is striking me. Cátan 'tam bualao.

I am being struck. Cáim pom bualao.

Someone is striking the Cátan as bualar an

dog, Şardaip.

The dog is being struck.

Cá an savan vá bualav.

Someone is breaking the

Cátan as bureav na

stones. Scloc.

The stones are being Cánaclocavámbureav.

broken.

They used to kill people. Dict as maridad vacine.
People used to be killed. Diod vacine vá maridad.

They used to buy horses. Dici as ceannac capatt.

Horses used to be bought. Dioo capatt of scean-

nac.

We (or they) will be dig- Dérorean as baint phaging potatoes.

TA01.

Potatoes will be dug.

béro prátaoi vá mbaint.

We shall have dug the beid na prácaoi baince potatoes.

asainn.

If they were breaking Od mberori as buread stones, they would not be cold.

cloc ni bérori ruan.

they are not cold.

If they are breaking stones matatan as buread cloc ní fuiltean ruan.

## THE VERB 1S.

584. A definite noun is one limited by its nature or by some accompanying word to a definite individual or group.

## The following are definite nouns:-

- (a) The name of a person or place (but not a class name like Saranać).
- (b) A noun preceded by the definite article.
- (c) A noun preceded by a demonstrative adjective.
- (d) A noun preceded by 5ac (because it means each taken individually).
- (e) A noun followed by any other definite noun in the genitive case.

Any noun not included in the above classes is an andefinite noun.

585. Whenever a definite noun is the subject of a verb in English, and the verb ir is employed in translating into Irish, a personal pronoun must immediately precede the definite noun in Irish.

John is the man. Ir é Seatan an rean

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586. (a) When the verb "to be" in English is followed by a definite noun, use ir: as,

I am John.

It is the man.

It is the man.

If é an reap é.

You are my brother.

If tú mo deaphphátaip.

It is the woman of the house.

Are you not my friend?

He is not my father.

It mire Seagán.

It is the man.

If é an reap é.

If ú mo deaphphátaip.

If i bean an tige i.

It is the woman of the house.

If i bean an tige i.

It is the mo capa?

If he fin m'ataip.

All sentences of this class are called "Identification sentences."

He, she and they in sentences of identity have usually the force of demonstrative pronouns. and are translated by  $\in$  rin, i rin, two ran.

(b) When the verb "to be" in English is followed by an indefinite noun if or the may be used, but with very different meanings. Whenever we use the verb if in such a sentence we convey the idea of "classification," or species: as, if

anninite bo. A cow is an animal, &c.; or we law stress on what the person or thing is at the time being. without any thought that he has become what he, or it, is. For instance, a father, enumerating to a friend the various positions in life of his children, may say, Ir ceannuive Seumar, ir razant Seasan, agur ir rean otițe Miceat: James is a merchant. John a priest, and Michael is a lawyer. He should not use ta in such a case, as he considers simply what each is at the time being. When ca is used we convey tne idea that the person or thing has become what he (or it) is, and that he (or it) was not always so. Suppose a father is telling what professions his sons have adopted, he should say, tá Seumar 'na ceannuide, &c. In such constructions the verb ca must be followed by the preposition 1 or a, and a suitable possessive adjective.

(c) The difference between ch and it is well exemplified by the two sentences it real earl ch re 'na real, both meaning "He is a man." If we see a figure approach us in the dark, and after looking closely at it we discover it to be a man, our correct phraseology would then be, it real e. But when we say ch re 'na real we convey a very different idea. We mean that the person of whom we are speaking is no longer a boy, he has now reached manhood. If anyone were speaking to you of a person as if he were a mere boy, and you wished to correct him, you should use the phrase ch re 'na real.

(d) When the indefinite noun after the verb "to be" in English is qualified by an adjective, the verb if or to may be used according to the idea we wish to convey. If we wish to express a "condition sentence" (i.e., one which has reference to the state or condition of the subject at the time in question), we use to; otherwise we employ if, e.g.,

He is a small man. 
Τά γε 'na ţeap τοξαπτα.

He is a useful man.

Τά γε 'na ţeap τοξαπτα.

She was a good woman

δί γί 'na mnaoι maic.

(e) When the verb ir is employed in such sentences there is a choice of two constructions. In the second construction (as given in the examples below), we emphasise the adjective, by making it the prominent idea of the sentence. The definite article must be used in the second construction.

If the break 6.
If preak an the 6.
If order function i.
If rung an order i.
If be dreak i fin.
If the break and of i fin.
If the break and of i fin.

nac oileán vear é rin? | Isn't that a pretty island?

(f) When a simple adjective follows the verb "to be" in English, either η or τά may be employed in translating, as,

Honey is sweet, if milit mit or the milit. He is strong, if through 6 or the fatour.

587. The beginning of a sentence is naturally the place of greatest prominence, and is usually occupied in Irish by the verb. When, however, any idea other than that contained in the verb is to be emphasised, it is placed immediately after the verb ir, and the rest of the sentence is thrown into the relative form.

For example, "We went to Derry yesterday," would be generally translated: Cuaro runn 50 Ooine moe: but it may also take the following forms according to the word emphasised.

We went to Derry yester. In rinne to cuaro 50 day. Other moe.

We went to Derry yester- 1r 50 Ooine to cuard day. rinn into.

We went to Derry yester- 1r 1noé oo cuaro rinn so day. Ooine.

### 588. The Yerb 1S is then used.

- (1) To express Identity, e.g., 1r é Conn an pi.
- (2) ,, Classification, ,, 1r ní Conn.
- (3) " Emphasis, " 1r moé oo cuaro

POSITION OF WORDS WITH 15.

589. The predicate of the sentence always follows 18: as,

Dermot is a man,
They are children,
John is a priest,
Coal is black,
A cow is an animal,
Turf is not coal,
It pagnet Seasan.
It pub guat.
It punimize bo.
It guat moin.
Is it a man?
An rean 6?

590. Sentences of Identification—e.g., Conn is the king—form an apparent exception. The fact is that in this sentence either the word "Conn" or "the king" may be the logical predicate. In English "king" is the grammatical predicate, but in Irish it is the grammatical subject, and "Conn" is the grammatical predicate. Hence the sentence will be, 1r é Conn an pi.

591. In such sentences, when two nouns or a pronoun and noun are connected by the verb 17, as a general rule, the more particular and individual of the two is made grammatical predicate in Irish. The converse usually holds in English. For instance, we say in English "I am the messenger," but in Irish 17 mire an teactaine (lit. "the messenger is I"). Likewise with the following:—

You are the man, If cu an reap.

He is the master, If e pin an maisprip.

We are the boys, If pinne na buadatti.

592. Sentences like "It is Donal." "It is the messenger," &c., are translated if e Oomnatt e, if e an teactaine e. Here "e Oomnatt" and "e an teactaine" are the grammatical predicates, and the second e in each case is the subject.

It is the master, Ir é an maisircin é.

He is the master, Ir é rin an maisircin.

(The underlined words are the predicates.)

593. In recent times we often find such sentences as "1r é an maisircin," "1r é an reap," &c., for "It is the master," "It is the man," in which the last é, the subject of the sentence, is omitted.

## Translation of the English Secondary Tenses.

594. The English Present Perfect Tense is translated by means of the Present Tense of the verb va, followed by o' eip (or vap eip) and the verbal noun. When o' eip comes immediately before the verbal noun, the latter will be in the genitive case; but when o' eip is separated from the verbal noun by the object of the English verb, the verbal noun will be preceded by the preposition oo, and will be dative case.

He wrote, 'Oo γςμίου γέ.

He has just written, 'Cá γε ο' ειγ γςμίουτα.

He broke the window, 'Oo υμιγ γε απ τμιππεοις.

He has broken the window, 'Cá γε ο' ειγ πα τμιππεοιςε του υμιγεαυ.

He has just died, Cá ré v' éir báir v'ragáil.

595. The word "just" in these sentences is not translated into Irish, and the word after o' eig is in the genitive case.

596. When the English verb is transitive there is another very neat method of translating the secondary tenses. As already stated, there is no verb "to have" in Irish: its place is supplied by the verb ca and the preposition as. Thus, "I have a book" is, Ca teadan asam. A similar construction may be used in translating the secondary tenses of an English transitive verb. The following sentences will illustrate the construction:—

I have written the letter, Ca an ticin replicate agam.

I have struck him, Ca ré buaite agam.

Have you done it yet? Opuit ré ceunta agat ror?

I have broken the stick, Ca an maice opurte agam.

597. The English Pluperfect and Future Perfect are translated in the same manner as the Present Perfect, except that the Past and Future Tenses respectively of TÁ must be used instead of the Present, as above. The following examples will illustrate the construction:—

He died, tuair ré bár.

He had just died, Dí ré o' éir báir o' fagáil.

Dí ré o' éir na cacaoireac

He had broken the chair, oo brireac.

(Di an cataoin burce aise.

The window has just been [Catan o' eir na runneoise broken by a stone, oo thiread te cloic.

I had written the letter, Oior o' eir na tiche oo

I shall have finished my work before you will be ( ready.

Déad d'éir chice do cun an mo cuid oibhe rut a mbéin héid (uttam),
Déid mo cuid oibhe chioc-nuiste asam rut a mbéin héid.

## Prepositions after Verbs.

598. We give here a few verbs which require a preposition after them in Irish, although they require none in English:—

Turam ap,

I persuade, prevail over.

Turam ap,

I endeavour.

I ask (beseech).

Frammism oe,

I ask (enquire).

Seattam oo,

I promise.

Deannuitim vo, I salute.

Cuimnisim an,

beinim an.

Steuraim an.

16151m 00, Comaintisim vo,

maitim too.

rneasnaim oo. roinim an,

Emizeann tiom,

Cisim te, CIS LIOM

SSAOILIM TOO, 1mpisim an,

Caitnisim le.

I remember.

I catch. I overtake.

I prepare (steur onc. get ready).

I allow, permit.

Tadvisa.

I forgive, pardon.

I answer. I help.

I succeed (lit. It arises with

me).

I confirm, I corroborate.

Lean I loose.

I beg, I beseech. I please.

599. Many verbs require prepositions different from those required by their English equivalents.

Labraim an, ranaim te, Cháccaim an.

Ceitim an, Szanaim te,

Cuipim flor an, Labraim te,

Deinim te. An...te,

I speak of. I wait for.

I treat of.

I conceal from. I separate from.

I send for. I speak to. I sav to.

say, said to (an is used only

in quotation).

Deinim agaid an, Deunaim magad pá,

Cnitim pá,

Danim te (also vo),

Deipim buaid ap,

Circim te.

Oan te.

Staoioim ap,

Cinnim Ap,

Suroim ap,

reuc an,

rásaim rlán as,

Leanaim ve,

Deipim ap...ap,

Violaim Le...an,

Oiotaim ar,

Chomaim ap, cornuitim

I face (for) (a place). I make fun of, I mock.

I tremble at.

I belong to, I appertain to. I win a victory over.

I am bothered with.
I listen to.

It seems to.
I call for.

I excel or surpass in.

I pray for; also, I beseech. (Suro opainn, pray for us.)

look at (reuc orta, Look at them; reuc 120, Examine

or try them).

I stick to.

I take hold of...by: as, He caught me by the hand. Rus ré ap taim opm.

Catch her by the hand, bein an taim uippi.

I sell to...for. He sold me a cow for £10. Oiot ré bó tiom an beic bpúncaib,

I pay for. I throw at.

I begin to (do something).

## The Negative Adverb-Not.

600. Young students experience great difficulty in translating the English negative adverb—"not." We here give the various ways of translating "not."

Not, with the Imperative mood, is translated by na.

,, ,, Subjunctive ,, ,, nán.
,, ,, Verbal Noun ,, gan.

Past Tense statement, níon or can.
(question, nán or nacan.

All other statement, níor ca.
question, nac, ná.

"If ... not" is translated by muna: if the verb be in the past tense use munap.

All the above forms are used in principal sentences only. In dependent sentences "that...not" is always translated by nac or na, except in the past tense, indicative mood, when nan or nacan must be used.

Mi, aspirates; ca, eclipses. Ca become can before in and runt: e.g., can me, It is not I.

How to answer a question. Yes-No.

or "No." As a general rule in replying to questions, "Yes" or "No" is translated by using the same verb and tense as has been employed in the question.

<sup>\*</sup> Pronounced morru.

The subject of the verb used in reply need not be expressed, except when it is contained in the verb ending. In English we frequently use a double reply, as "Yes, I will." "No, I was not," &c. In Irish we use only one reply.

Örut τά τιnn? ζάιm. Are you sick? Yes, or I am.

Raib ré annroin? ní paib. Was he there? No.

An opaca tú Seagán? Did you see John? No. Ní paca or ní pacar.

An braca ré an ceac? Did he see the house? Connaic. He did.

An ocuiseann cú? Do you understand? Yes, Cuisim.

An octocrato cú? ní Will you come? No, l ttocrato. will not.

(b) When the question has been asked with any part of the verb ιγ, expressed or understood, followed by a definite noun, the English subject must be used in the answer, as also must the verb, except when the answer is negative.

An cú an rean? 11í mire. Are you the man? No.
Nac é rin an rean? 1r é. Is not he the man? Yes,
he is.

An b'é rin Seagán? Míon Was that John? No, it b'é. was not.

## Notice also the following:-

FIRST SPEAKER.	SECOND SPEAKER.
1r mire an teactaine.	An tú?
I am the messenger.	Are you?
ni n-é pin áp pazapt.	nac é?
He is not our priest.	Isn't he?
1r é an reap é.	11î n-é.
It is the man.	It is not.

(c) Whenever the question is asked by any part of the verb 17, followed by an **indefinite** predicate, the word "Yes" is usually translated by repeating the verb and the indefinite predicate, as—

nac ruan an tae? ir Isn't it a cold day? Yes, ruan. or It is.

nac mait é? 17 mait. Is it not good? Yes, or It is,

An aize atá an t-aipzeau? Is it he who has the 1r aize. money? Yes.

But in this case the answer may also be correctly given by using the neuter pronoun ear. In ear (or 'rear) for "yes;" ni h-ear for "no."

An maroaro é rin? ni Is that a dog? No. n-earo.

An Sapanac e? 'Seao. Is he an Englishman? Yes.

Nac mait é? 'Seao. Isn't it good? It is.

(d) When the question is asked with "who" or "what," the subject alone is used in the answer, and if the subject be a personal pronoun the emphatic form will be used, as—

Cia junne é rin? Mire. Who did that? I did,

## CHAPTER VI.

## The Preposition.

602. As a general rule the simple prepositions govern a dative case, and precede the words which they govern: as,

Cáinis ré o Concais. He came from Cork.

tus ré an c-ubatt vo'n He gave the apple to the minaoi. woman.

Exceptions. (1) The preposition roup, "between," governs the accusative case: as, roup Concars agur lumneac, between Cork and Limerick.

(2) So oci, \* meaning "to" (motion), is followed by the nominative case.

Cuaro ré 50 oci an ceac. He went to the house.

<sup>\*</sup>So vei is really a corrupted form of the old subjunctive mood of the verb visim, I come; so that the noun after so vei was formerly nominative case to the verb.

(3) The preposition 5an, "without," governs the dative in the singular, but the accusative in the plural: as,

Tá ré san céill. He is without sense. San án scáince. Without our friends.

603. The words timeeatt (around),\* thatha or thearma (across), coir (beside), has (along), cumt or tun (towards), toirs (owing to), tale, tale, and [iomtura] (as to, or concerning), although really nouns, are used where prepositions are used in English. Being nouns, they are followed by the genitive case.

Suart ré par na rhoine é. He struck him along the nose.

An mbéro củ ag out cum Will you be going to an aonaig i mbápac? (towards) the fair to-morrow?

To nit re timeeatt na He ran around this place. n-áite reo.

They went across the field sunt eonna. of barley.

For the so-called compound prepositions see par. 608, &c.

604. The prepositions 1 (in) and te (with) become in and terr before the article: eq., in an tear in

<sup>\*</sup>The meanings given in parenthesis are the usual English equivalents, not the real meaning of the words.

<sup>†</sup> The m in this word is pronounced like n.

the book; terr an breap, with the man. In Munster of (from), we (off, from), no (to), arge (= ag, at, with), and some others take r before the plural article—of rna reaparts, from the men; no rna buart, to the cows.

605. The simple prepositions cause aspiration when the article is not used with them: as, Ap Dapp an churc. On the top of the hill. Fuarp ré o reap an cire é. He got it from the man of the house.

Exceptions (1) The prepositions as, at; te, with; ar, out: so, to, cause neither aspiration nor eclipsis; as, Oo tuit re te Sott. He fell by Goll. Cuaro re so Daite-Ata-Cuat. He went to Dublin.

San, without, may aspirate or not.

- (2) The preposition 1 or a, in, causes eclipsis even without the article: as, Of re 1 5 Copcars. He was in Cork.
- 606. The simple prepositions, when followed by the article and a noun in the singular number, usually cause eclipsis: as, an an mbann, on the top; o 'n υγεαη, from the man; 'γαn mbane, at home.

Exceptions. (1) The prepositions oo,\* to, and oe, of, off, from, when followed by the article, usually cause aspiration, though in some places eclipsis takes place.

<sup>\*</sup>So or go or is usually used for "to" when motion to is implied (the Latin acc. of motion). oo is usually used for "to" when no motion is implied (the Latin dative).

Aspiration is the more common practice: vo'n teat, to the man; ve'n maon, from the woman. They prefix c to r; as, tus ré vo'n trasanc é. He gave it to the priest. Sa (=inr an) usually aspirates in Munster; ra vorsa mon, in the big box.

(2) When san, without, is followed by the article it produces no change in the initial consonant following: as, san an rion, without the wine; but if the following noun be masculine and begin with a vowel, or be feminine beginning with r, c is prefixed: as, san an c-eun, without the bird; san an cruit, without the eye.

In the Northern dialect aspiration takes place after the preposition and the article.

607. When a simple preposition ending in a vowel comes before the possessive adjective a (his, her, or their), or the possessive an, our, and oun, your, the letter n is inserted before the possessive: as, te n-a tam, by his hand; the n-a moorato, through their palms; te n-an 5 curo, with (or by) our portion; te noun ocoit, with your permission.

Except the prepositions oo and oe, which become o'.

Whenever 50 or te comes before any other word beginning with a vowel the letter n is usually inserted: as, 6 majoin 50 n-oroce, from morning till night; 50 n-Albain, to Scotland; te n-eagla, with fear. (See par. 29.)

608. In Irish certain nouns preceded by prepositions have often the force of English prepositions. As nouns they are, of course, followed by a genitive case, unless a preposition comes between them and the following noun, when the dative case naturally follows. Such locutions are styled in most grammars "Compound Prepositions," and to account for their construction they give the rule "Compound Prepositions are followed by the genitive case."

609. We give here a fairly full list of such phrases employed in Modern Irish.

1 brannad. along with; on the side of. i briabnuire, 1 latain, in the presence of. or comain, or coinne. before: face to face. ar uct.) for the sake of, for the love of an ron. an rsát, under the pretext of. 1 brocain, along with, in company with. 1 oceanca, concerning; with regard to. 1 00000, at the end of. 1 Sceann, ré béin. for, (in the sense of going for). 1 Scoinne, ré tiéin. towards among, amongst, 1 mears.

an asaro, 1 n-a5a10. an read, te n-earba, an ruo. 1 500m, (1 500morn), an cul, I noisió. TAR éir, D'éir, 1 Sconnib, 1 Sconne, 1 Scuprarde, cun, (cum), o' ionnpaide, ) ס' וסחחף מולוס, ) te coir,) coir. i n-euoan, oo ném, or cionn, can deann. te h-air. 1 Scarceam, 1 pic, 1 n-ain beoin. 1 n-aimbeoin, te h-asaro.

1 n-aice.

opposite.
against.
throughout (used of time).
for want of.
throughout (used of space)
for, for the benefit of.
behind, at the back of.
after (used of place).
after (used of time).
against.
concerning, about.
to, towards.

towards.
beside, by the side of (a sea, a river, &c.)

against.
according to.
over, above.
beyond, in preference to.
beside, by the side of.
during.
in spite of.

for, for the use of.

## 610. Some of them are followed by Prepositions.

Láim le,

near, beside.

1 n-54n 00,

near.

cimceall an.

around (and touching).

man seall an,

on account of.

man aon te,

along with, together with. together with, at the same

1 n-émpeace le.) 1 n-aon-oite le,

time as.

#### 611. Examples-(1) Nouns.

To cuin ré or cionn an He put it over the door. ponsir é.

Connac 1 n-AICE AN TODAIN

I saw them near the well.

To pit an Sadan 1 notato an cmonnais.

The hound ran after the fox.

Cia bi i brocain Seumair?

Who along with was James ?

To tus re dom an capall te h-ataro an crasainc.

He gave me this horse for the priest.

Ciocrao an air o' éir an

I shall come back after the summer.

cramparo. ní tuit teitear an bit i

There is no remedy against death.

n-asaro an bair. To cuaro re rá vein na SCAPALL.

He went for the horses.

An read an Lae.

Throughout the day.

An ruo na cine.

Throughout the country.

To néin an leabain reo. Cà ré le coir na rainnge. To cuin ré an lub cimceall an mo ceann.

According to this book. He is beside the sea. He put the loop around my head.

#### 612.

## (2) Pronouns.

Cámis ré im blaib. Πά τέις 'na ποιαιό reo.

Cia bi 'na rocain? Deuntao é rin an oo ron.

An ceannuitir é reo lem 45410?

Dior an a n-asard. Tá an fuireos or án Scionn.

An paib cu i n-áp n-aice Were you near us? (1 n-Aice Linn)?

Di re i n-aice tiom. Cáinis riao im asaro.

He came after me. Do not go after these.

Who was along with him? I shall do that for your saka.

Did you buy this one for me?

I was opposite them. The lark is above us.

He was near me. They came against me.

## Translation of the Preposition "For."

613. (a) When "for" means "to bring," "to fetch," use rá véin, a 5-coinne, or as iannaio, followed by a genitive case; or as cruall an: as,

Go for the horse. He went for John.

Céis as chiall an an scapall. Cuaro re re vein Seasain.

(b) When "for" means "to oblige," "to please," use oo, followed by the dative case: as,

Do that for him.

Deun rin vo.

Here is your book for you. 'See out oo teabap.

Use oo to translate "for" in the phrases "good for," "bad for," "better for," &c.: as,

This is bad for you. 1r otc out é reo.

- (c) When "for" means "for the use of," use te n-a5aro, followed by a genitive case, or oo with dative.
- I bought this for the Ceannuitear e reo te priest.

  h-aξαιό απ τραξαιρτ (τος η τραξαιρτ).

He gave me money for Cus ré ainsead dom led' you.

- (d) When "for" means "duration of time" use te, with the dative case, if the time be past, but an read or so ceann, with the genitive case, if the time be future. In either case past and future are to be understood, not with regard to present time, but to the time of the action described.
- (1) He had been there for 'Vi ré ann te bliavain a year when I came. nuain táinis mé.
- (2) He stayed there for a O' fan ré ann an read year. (50 ceann) bliadna

In the first sentence the year is supposed to be completed at the time we are speaking about, and is, therefore, past with regard to the time we are describing.

In the second sentence the time at which the action of staying (if we be allowed to use the word "action") took place at the very beginning of the year that he spent there. The year itself came after the time we are describing; therefore it is future with regard to that time

It will be a great assistance to the student to remember that an read or 50 ceans are used when in the English sentence the fact is merely stated, as in sentence (2); and that te is used when a secondary tense ought to be used in the English sentence, as in sentence (1).

(e) When "for" means "for the sake of," use an ron followed by a genitive case.

He toiled for a little gold. Saothuiz ré an ron beazáin óin.

- (f) When "for" is used in connection with "buying" or "selling," use an followed by a dative case. He bought it for a pound. Ceannuit re an point é. I sold it for a shilling. "Violar an restune é.
- (g) "For" after the English verb "ask" is not translated in Irish.

He asked me for a book. O' iapp ré teavap opm.

Ask that man for it. lapp ap an vreap rom é.

(h) "For" after the word "desire" (σώιτ) is usually translated by ι (=in): as, Desire for gold, σώιτ ι n-όρ or, σώιτ ιης απ όρ. (i) The English phrase "only for" very often means "were it not for," "had it not been for," and is translated by muna monato, followed by a nominative.

Only for John the horse would be dead now.

Muna mbead Seasán do bead an capall manb anoir.

## 614. Note the following Examples.

I have a question for you. To play for (a wager). To send for.

A cure for sickness.

To wait for.

For your life, don't tell. He faced for the river.

They fought for (about) the Fiannship.

Don't blame him for it.

I have great respect for you.

This coat is too big for me.

What shall we have for dinner?

It is as good for you to do your best.

Tá ceirt agam ont. 1mint an (geall).

Flor to cup . . . . ap. (Leigear i n-agait tinner.

ranamaine le.

Ap o' anam, ná h-innip. Čuz pé a ažaro ap an abainn.

Choloeadah um al

Má cuip a mitteán aip (its blame on him).

Τά mear món αζαπ οης.

Tá an cóta po pó-móp

Caroé biar againn af

Tá ré com mait azat do diceall do deunam.

# 615. Translation of the Preposition "Of."

(a) Whenever "of" is equivalent to the English possessive case, translate it by the genitive case in Irish.

The son of the man.

mac an fig.

The house of the priest. Tead an crasaint.

There are cases in which the English "of," although not equivalent to the possessive case, is translated by the genitive in Irish.

The man of the house. pean an cite. A stone of meal. Cloc mine.

(b) Whenever "of" describes the material of which a thing is composed, or the contents of a body, use the genitive case.

A ring of iron. Fáinne iapainn.
A cup of milk. Cupán bainne.
A glass of water. Stoine uirse.

(c) When "of" comes after a numeral, or a noun expressing a part of a whole, use oe with the dative; but if the word after "of" in English be a personal pronoun, use one of the compounds of as with the personal pronouns.

The first day of the week. An deuro ta be'n treact-

One of our hounds.

Many of the nobles.

One of us was there.

Ceann o' an ngaonaib.

Monan de na h-uairtib.

Di duine againn ann

Some of them.

Curo aca.

One of these (persons).

Oume aca ro.

A test is used for "half of it" or "half of them."

(d) When "of" follows "which," use oe with nouns, and as with pronouns.

Which of the men?

Cia (ciaca) be na reapaib?

Which of us?

Cia asainn?

(e) When "of" means "about" use timing of the Dioroan as canne timing that the matter.

(f) "Of" after the English verb "ask," "inquire," is translated by ve.

Ask that of John.

riarnuis rin de Seasán.

(g) When "of" expresses "the means" or instrument" use to or oe.

He died of old age. He died of hunger. Fuain re bar le rean-aoir. Fuain re bar leir an ochar.

He died of a seven days' push re bar oe salap

sickness. react tá.

(h) Both of us.

Sinn apaon.

Both of you.

Sib apaon.

Both of them.

Stato apaon, tato apaon.

#### Further Examples. 616.

He is ignorant of Irish.

The like of him.

Such a thing as this.

Don't be afraid of me.

A friend of mine.

A friend of yours. A horse of mine.

A horse of Brian's.

I have no doubt of it.

A man of great strength. rean ir mon neanc.

Oisin of mighty strength Oirin ba theun neart a'r

and vigour.

I think much of it.

Cá ré ambriorad inc an nsaeoutis.

A tertéro (his like).

Δ leitero reo σe nuo.

na bior eagla ont nomam.

Cana dom. Cana out.

Capall Liom.

Capall le Uman.

ni fuil ampar asam aip.

luċ.

(ba is the past tense of ir in the previous sentence.)

Tá mear món agam ain.

## CHAPTER VII.

## Classification of the Uses of the Prepositions.

617.

45, AT.

1. To denote possession (a) with ca.

I have a knife. Tá rsian asam.

Cá aithe agam an an I know that man.

brean roin.

(b) With other verbs:

Aon buine Aca.

Come áo ré an rsian aise He kept the knife for himréin. self.

O' ras re aca 120 He left them to them.

2. It is used in a partitive sense, of them, &c

Sac son aca. Each one of them.

Anyone of them.

- 3. With verbal nouns to translate the English present participle:
  - (a) active The re as busted an buscatta.

    He is beating the boy.
  - (b) passive—TA an buacaill aga ('\$\'a\') bualab.

    The boy is being beaten.
- 4. With verbal nouns followed by oo, meaning "while."

As out ooib. While they were going.

5. To express the agent or cause with passive verbs.

Cá an cloc 54(454) 56541 The stone is being raised as Séamur. by James.

The English preposition at when used with as semblies, e.g. market, fair, school, &c., is usually translated by ap.

## 618. AR, ON, UPON.

- 1. Literal use: an an mbopo, on the table.
- 2. In adverbial phrases:

#### (a) TIME.

an batt, just now, by and by. an read, during.

Lá an Lá, day by day.

an maroin, in the morning.

an uainib, by times.

an an Lácain, immediately.

#### (b) PLACE.

Ap dit, in existence, at all.

Ap cut, behind.

Ap reot, in school.

Ap ruo, throughout,

Ap neam, in heaven.

Ap tap, on the ground.

Ap topo, on board.

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#### (c) CAUSE.

an an aroban roin, for that an teatrnom, under opression.

an roin, for the sake of.

an easta so, for fear that.

will of.

an a raio, literally on its length.

an éigin, hardly, by com- an toga, at the choice of. pulsion.

## (d) MANNER AND CONDITION.

Ap cop ap bit, on any condition.

Ap an mov, in the manner.

Ap aξαιν, forward.

Aξαιν αραξαιν, face to face.

Leat ap Leat, side by side.

Ap tapav, ablaze.

Ap cumap, in the power of.

beaξάη ap beaξάη, little

by little.

Ap cápve, on credit.

Appeals, in the form of.

Approved, in progress.

Ap a laigear, at least.

Ap app, back.

Ap geat, backwards.

Ap tappa, breadthwise.

Ap tap,

Ap reacpian,

Ap meirge, drunk.

Ap rodap, trotting.

Ap lapace, on loan.

#### 3. In numbers:

Τρί αρ ἐιἐιο, 28.
 Τρίοπαο αρ ἐιἐιο, 28rd.

- (a) Before the verbal noun, which it eclipses or aspirates to form the past participle active.
- Ap vunav an vopair voit Having shut the door, v' imtizeavap. they went away.
  - (b) With the possessive adjective a and verbal noun to form perfect participle passive.

An n-a cun 1 n-easan as, Edited by.

An n-a cun amac as Connnao na Saeouse, Published by the Gaelic League.

## 5. Emotions felt by a person:

Care, sorrow, &c. Tá imnibe, bhôn ohim.

Thirst, hunger, need, sick- τά ταρτ, οτραγ, earbaio, ness. τιπρεαγ ορπ.

Fear. Cá easta, parcéior onm.

Joy. Tá tút sáin, onm.

## 6. In phrases:

Tiortacar ap, favour (con- τά baoξat ap, there is ferred) on. danger.

Cion, gean ap, affection Cumme ap, remembrance for.

eotap, piop, aithe ap, Capaoro ap, complaint ance with.
 Capaoro ap, complaint against.

Spáin ap, horrer of, or ruat ap, hatred of. disgust with. riac ap, debt due from.

Tá ampar azam aip, I Cumar ap, power over, suspect him. capacity for.

Cumace ap, power over. Fisca ap, claim upon.

Oe ceansat an, of oblionin an, honour (given)
 το.
 Oe ceansat an, of oblionin an, honour (given)
 O' riacan an, of oblionin an, or on.

In the above phrases the agent is expressed by as where possible, the state, sean, eother, cumine, &c., asam opt.

7. AR is used after various classes of verbs.

(a) Verbs of motion upon or against (striking, inflicting, &c.).

Impim pian ap.

I punish.

Ceitsim an (te).

I throw at.

Carao an. Cápla ap.

Met.

Carad an rean onm.

I met the man.

To sat re ve clocato onta. He threw stones at them.

(b) After the yerb DeiRim.

Deinim an.

I call (name), (an before person), induce, persuade,

compel a person (to do something).

beinim iannact an.

I attempt (something or to do something).

Beinim voiot an.

I requite, repay (a person).

Deinim\* rá n-Deana an,

I cause, make (a person do something).

Deinim Shao an. Beinim miniusao an. I love (fall in love with), &c.

I explain.

(c) After the verb beinim.

beinim an .... an.

I catch, seize (a person) by (the hand, &c.).

beinim an.

I overtake, I catch.

Deinim bheiteamnar an,

I judge, pass judgment on.

beinim buard an.

I conquer.

<sup>\*</sup> Cuinim may be used in this sense.

(d) After verbs of Praying, Beseeching, Appealing to.

1 ask, entreat (a person).

Surom ap.

I ask, entreat (a person).

I pray for (sometimes I pray to); but generally

Surom cum θe ap γon &c.

I pray to God for.

Impixim an. I beseech.

(e) After verbs of Speaking about, Thinking of, Treating of, Writing of, &c.

Labraim ap, I speak of. Smuainim ap, I think of. Τράθταιm ap, I treat of. Spriobaim ap, I write of, Cuimnizim ap, I remember. or about.

(f) Verbs of looking at:
revicam an or reagranm an. I look at,

(g) Verbs of threatening, complaining, offending, displeasing, &c.

Daspaim ap. I threaten.

Soillim an. I am troublesome to. Seibim toct an. I find fault with.

(h) Verbs of concealing, neglecting, hindering, forbidding, refusing, &c.

Ceitim ap. I conceal from.
Conmearsaim ap. I hinder or forbid.

Faittisim an. I neglect.

# (i) Verbs of protecting, guarding, guaranteeing against.

Seacain từ péin an an othucaill pin.
Seacain too láth an an Scloic pin.

Take care of yourself from that car.

Take care! That stone

will hurt your hand.

8. (a) Curpum is used with verbal nouns and adverbial phrases beginning with an:

Cuipim an coimeáo.
Cuinim an reachán.

I put in a tremble.
I put on one's guard.

Cuipim ap cáiptoe.

I set astray.
I put off, delay, postpone.

Cuipim ap Scut.

I put aside.

Cuipim ap neimnío.

I reduce to nothing, I annihilate.

## (b) Also with many nouns:—

Cuipim ceipt ap.

I question.

Cuipim comaoin ap.

I do a kindness to.

Cuipim cpainn ap (tap).

I cast lots for.

Cuipim cuma ap.
Cuipim Baipm (piop) ap.
Cuipim bám ap.

I arrange.
I send for.
I set about.

Cuipim teiţear ap.
Cuipim tuiţeacan ap.
Cuipim moitt ap.

I apply a remedy to.
I lay a snare for.

Cuipim moitt ap.
Cuipim coipmears ap.
Cuipim impide ap.

I delay.
I hinder.
I beseech.

9. \$nim is used with many nouns meaning "I inflict...on."

Śním basap ap.I threaten.Śním buaropeao ap.I trouble.Śním capaoro ap.I complain of.

Śnim euzcoin ap. I wrong.

Snim reall an. I act treacherously to-

wards.

İnîm γmacτ αρ. I exercise authority over,

I restrain.

İnim bneiteamnap an. I judge, pass judgment

upon.

İnim raine an. I watch.

## 619. AS, OUT OF, FROM.

1. Literal use: out of, from, &c.

Cuaro ré ar an tiż. He went out of the house.

Out ar an mbeataro. To depart from life.

## 2. With various other verbs:

Ouirizim ar coolao. I arouse from sleep.

Cuipim ar reitb. I dispossess. Chocaim ar. I hang from.

Cuipim aram. I utter (a shriek, &c.).

Léigim ap.

Sphopaim ap.

Turcim ap a céite.

To fall asunder.

Tappains ap a céite.

To pull asunder.

# 3. To express origin, cause; ground of proof; confidence, trust in:

Ar sac aino. From every quarter.

Socan to baint ar. Derive benefit from.

An rát ar. The reason why.

Ap ro ruar. Henceforth.

1r rollur ar. It is evident from.

Inferable from.

mumigin ar. Confidence in.

## 4. After verbs, of boasting or taking pride in:

maoroim ar. I boast of.

Stopman ar. Glorying in.

Lánman ar réin. Full of himself.

## 620. cun (cum), TOWARDS.

## 1. Cum is used after verbs of motion:

Cuaro ré cum an tige. He went towards the house.

Cup cum raiphse. To put to sea.

## 2. Before verbal noun to express purpose:

taining ré cum an capailt. He came to sell the horse. Too tool.

### 3. In Phrases, as:

Cabaint cum cnice. To bring to pass. Sabaim cusam. I take for myself. Cun cum báir. To put to death. Léis cum báir. Let die. Prepared for work, Steurca cum oibre. In order that. Cum 50. Suroim cum. I pray to. Out cum oticead. To go to law.

621. Oe, FROM, OUT OF.

#### 1. Literal use:

Dainim De. I take from.

Cinizim De. I arise from.

Cuicim De. I fall from.

Szaoitim De. I loose from (anything).

#### 2. Partitive use:

One of the people.

Oune of the people.

One of the men.

Feanoemuncin Matsama. One of the O'Mahoney's.

Often before the relative it is equivalent to a superlative relative:

beunrao 5ac nio o'4 I will give everything I bruit a5am. have.

Ir é an rean ir aointe t' à He is the tallest man I bracar mam. ever saw

He does not like anything ní mait leir nío o' á ocusyou gave him. AIP 00.

## 3. In the following phrases:

ve but, because o' Amite, for certain o' eagla 50, lest be snat, usually o' soir, of age De rion, perpetually be onuim, owing to oe vit. o' eir, after ve veom, willingly oe ruit te, in expectation of

oe thiom, in effect oe m' iút, to my knowledge ) for lack of. o' earbaio, want of o' aimbeoin, unwillingly, in spite of ve taoiv, concerning

## 4. After following verbs, &c.:

flarjuisim be. I ask (enquire) of. I adhere to. Leanaim De. lioned be (te). Filled with lán oe. Full of. Śnim casaint ce. I mention. Šním úráro ve. I make use of. Šním ... ve ..., I make ... out of (from) ... Léisim viom I let slip.

5. To translate "with," &c., in phrases like ve term, with a leap, at a bound. ш2

622.

OO, TO, FOR.

#### 1. Literal use :

# (a) After adjectives (generally with 1r):

cinnce oo, cóin vo. éisean vo. mait 700, reapp oo,

certain for (a person). right for (a person). necessary for. good for. better for.

## (b) After nouns:

(out) 1 rocan oo, (ir) beata oo, (ir) atain oo,

for the advantage of.

Cinnim too, I appoint for.

Comaintisim oo, I advise.

Oiúltaim vo, I renounce.

rosnaim vo, I am of use

(is) his life. (is) his father.

## (c) After verbs:

Aitnim oo, I command. bronnaim oo (an) I present to.

Dednuisim vo, I vouchsafe to.

rospaim vo, I announce to.

freagraim too, I answer. Seitim vo, I obey or teisim vo, I allo do homage to. Innrin vo, I tell.

Onouisim oo, I order.

to. Seattain oo, I promise. Léisim vo, I allow, let.

Carrbeanaim vo, I show

Sabaim vo copait, I trample. Coistim vo, I spare.

#### 2. To express the agent:

After the verbal noun, preceded by an, a5, &c.:
An oceaet anno oois. On their arrival here.

With the participle of necessity, participles in 1011, &c.:

ni molta duit é. He must not be praised by you.

That's what you ought to do.

3. For its use in connection with the verbal noun see pars. 563, 568, 570.

623.

rá or ré, UNDER, ABOUT, CONCERNING.

1. Literal use: as,

Cá ré pá 'n mbopo. It is under the table.

2. ra is used in forming the multiplicatives:

a thi ré do, twice three.

s do ré ceatain, four times two.

3. In adverbial phrases:

rá comain, (keeping) for. rá teic, separately. rá ceo, at last. rá ceac, individually, rá man. just so (as). separately.

San, WITHOUT. 624

1 Literal use:

San pinsinn im poca. Without a penny in my

pocket.

2. To express not before the verbal noun:

Abain teir San teact. Tell him not to come.

625. SO. WITH.

1. This preposition used only in a few phrases: generally before test, a half.

Mite so test. A mile and a half.

SLAT TO Leit.

A yard and a half.

50, TO, TOWARDS. 626.

1. Literal use: motion, as-

To Luimneac.

To or towards Limerick.

2. In Phrases:

O waip so h-waip.

From hour to hour.

O nom so ceite.

From evening to evening.

O maioin so h-oioce.

From morning till night.

627. 1 (in, ann), IN, INTO (Eclipsing).

1. Of time:

Ing an cSampao. In Summer.

2. Of motion to a place:

14η οσελές 1 n-Ειμιπη το Patrick having come into βάτομαις. Ireland.

3. Of rest at a place:

Tá ré 1 n'Ooine. He is in Derry.

4. In following phrases:

1, n-aointeact le, along with. 1 n-ataro, against.

1 notaro, after. 1 5ceann, at end of.

1 Sconne, against. 1 Scomain, in front of.

1 brocam, in company with. 1 mears, among.

vocimciott, about.

After words expressing esteem, respect, liking, &e., for something:

Ouit 1 n-on. Desire for gold.

6. Used predicatively after ℃&:

Táim im' fean táioin anoir. I am a strong man now.

7. In existence, extant:

1γ bpeát an aimpin acá It's fine weather we're ann.

Hi coin dute out amac 7 an aimpin puan aca ann anoir.

You ought not to go out considering the cold weather we have now.

B. Used after zā to express "to be able."

Ni bionn ann péin iompoo. He cannot turn.

9. After cuip, veip, out, in phrases like:

Cuipim i scuimne vo. I remind.

Out i rocap vo. To benefit.

#### 628. 101R, BETWEEN, AMONG.

1. Literal use:

nor roin na Romancarb, a custom among the Romans.

Descript eaconna, difference between them.

2. 101R...AJUS, BOTH...AND.

1011 faiddin Agur voct, both rich and poor.

1011 adain agur mac, both father and son.

1011 caondaid agur uanaid, both sheep and lambs.

1011 reapaid it mnáid, both men and women.

## 629. te, WITH.

1. Literal use, with:

terr an maon, with the steward.

2. With ir to denote possession:

1r tiomra é. It is my own. It belongs to me.

Cia teir 120? Who owns them?

3. With ir and adjectives to denote "in the opinion of:"

1r ria tiom é. I think it worth my while. To b' rava teir. He thought it long.

4 To denote instrument or means:

Uniread an fuinneds to The window was broken

ctoic. by a stone.

ruan ré bár teir an ochar. He died of hunger.

torsat te cenno é. He was burned with fire.

5. After verbs or expressions of motion:

Amać teir, Out (he went).
Siap tib! Stand back!
O' imtit rī teiti, She departed.

6. With verbs of touching; behaviour towards; saying to; listening to; selling to; paying to; waiting for:

Eirc tiom, Listen to me.

Dainim te, I touch.

Labraim te, I speak to.

Viotar an vo teir, I sold the cow to him.

Má ran tiom, Do not wait for me.

7. After words expressing comparison with, likeness to, severance from, union with, peace with, war with, expectation of,

Cá ré com ano tiom. Cá ré cormail leac.

He is as tall as I. He is like you.

Oo rsan ré leo.

He separated from them.

- 8. With verbal noun to express purpose, intention (see pars. 567, 569).
- 9. In following phrases :-

te n-asaro, for (use of), te n-ucc, with a view to.

te n-air, beside.

te ránaro, downward.

te coir, near, beside. tám te, near.

man aon te, along with TAOU Le, beside.

630. mar, LIKE TO, AS.

1. Literal use: as, like to.

man rin, thus agur man rin oe, and so on. To stac re man ceite i. He took her for a spouse.

rá man adubaint ré, (according) as he said.

2. Before relative particle a, it is equivalent to as, how, where, &c.

an air man a naib re, the place where he was.

3. For an idiomatic use of man, see par. 353.

## 631. O, FROM, SINCE.

1. Since (of time): as,

o tur, from the beginning. o rom, ago. Conjunction: as,

O nac bracar pur ap bit, tánzar abaite apir. Since I saw nothing I came home again.

2. Of place, motion from:

O Cipinn, from Erin.

3. In a modal sense:

ου ότιοι ος, with all thy heart.

booct ο (1) γρισμαιο, poor in spirit.

 After words expressing severance from, distance from, going away from, turning from, taking from, exclusion from, cleansing, defending, protecting, healing, alleviating.

632. OS, OVER.

Used only in a few phrases as:

or conn, above, over. bun or conn, upside down.

or froot, silently, secretly. or and loudly.

633. ROIM, BEFORE.

1. Of time:

Deic noimio poin (cun) Ten minutes to three.

a cpi.

Roume reo. Before this, heretofore,

formerly.

Rome rm. Previously.

 Of fleeing before, from; coming in front of; lying before one (=awaiting); putting before one (=proposing to oneself):

Cibé cuipear noime é reo Whoever proposes to do

Vi an ξημήταν ας μιτ μοιιή The hare was running na conait. from the hounds.

3. After expressions of fear, dislike, welcome, &c.: nation eagla openimpa. Do not be afraid of them. Faiter pomar (pomaro)! Welcome!

## 634. CAR, BEYOND, OVER, PAST.

1. Of motion (place and time):

Leim re tan an mbatta. He leaped over the wail.

An mi reo tab tonainn. Last month.

an in reo Sao conanni. Hast month

2. Figuratively: "in preference to," "beyond."

tan man vi ré veic Compared with what it was mbliating riceau o foin. 30 years ago.

Cap map buo otisteac oo. Beyond what was lawful for him.

3. In following phrases:

out cap, transgress.

teact tap, refer to, treat of tan air. back.

can éir, after. can air, bac

Can ceann 50, notwithstanding.

635. CRÉ, (CRÎ), THROUGH, BY MEANS OF.

1. Physically, through:

The n-a tamair. Through his hands.

2. Figuratively, "owing to":

Thio rin.

Owing to that.

N.B.—In the spoken language cpio is generally used instead of cpe or cpear.

636. um, ABOUT, AROUND.

- 1. Time: um thátnona, in the evening.
- 2. Place: um an cit, around the house.
- 3. About: of putting or having clothing on.

They put on their clothes. Scuro éarais.

4. Cause: uime rin, therefore.

#### PARSING.

- 637. A. Parse each word in the following sentence: Aven Seumar sun ten rein an capatt vo vi alse (Prep. Grade, 1900).
  - An irreg. trans. verb, indic. mood, present tense, analytic form of the verb.
  - Seumar A proper noun, first declen., genitive
    Seumar, 3rd pers. sing., masc. gen.,
    nom. case, being subject of accept.
    - Sun A conjunction used before the past tense: compounded of go and no.
      - ['v] The dependent form, past tense, of the verb ir.
    - Leir A prepositional pronoun (or a pronominal preposition), 3rd pers. sing., masc. gender. Compounded of te and ré.
    - rein An indeclinable noun, added to terr for the sake of emphasis.
    - an The definite article, nom. sing. masc., qualifying the noun capatt.
  - capatt A com. noun, first declen., genitive capatt, 3rd pers. sing., masc. gend. and nom. case, being the subject of the suppressed verb ['v].

- tense, causing aspiration; but here it has also the force of a relative.
- An irreg. intrans. verb, indic. mood past tense, analytic form of the verk taim (verbal noun, beit).
- Auge A prepositional pronoun, 3rd sing., masc. gender, compounded of ag and é.
- B. Parse the following sentence: To cur: ri roo mona an Deans-Larav i n-Dion cige na recoile maiDin Lae bealtaine. (Junior Grade, 1900).
  - Oo A particle used as the sign of the past tense, causing aspiration.
  - cuip A reg. trans. verb, indic. mood. past tense, analytic form of the verb cuipum (verbal noun, cup).
    - find A personal pronoun, 3rd pers. sing., fem. gend., conjunctive form, nominative case, being the subject of the verb curp.
  - 3rd pers. sing., masc. gender, accusative case, being the object of the verb

- mons A common noun, third declension, nom.

  moin, 3rd pers. sing., fem. gender,
  and genitive case, governed by the
  noun roo.
  - Ap Preposition, governing the dative case.
- υελης-ιλητό A compound verbal noun, genitive υελης-ιλητό, 3rd pers. sing., dative case, governed by the preposition λη.
  - A preposition, governing the dative case, and causing eclipsis.
  - vion A com. noun, first declens., gen. vin, 3rd pers. sing. masc. gender and dative case, governed by preposition 1.

(N.B.—This word may also be second declension).

- rise An irreg. com. noun, nom. ceac, 3rd pers. sing., masc. gend., genitive case, governed by the noun ofon.
- The definite article, genitive sing. feminine, qualifying roote.
- rcoite A common noun, second declension, nom. rcoit, 3rd pers. sing., fem. gend. and genitive case, governed by the noun cite.

maron A com. noun, second declension, gen.
marone, 3rd pers. sing., fem. gend.
and dative case, governed by the preposition an (understood).

Lae-beattaine A compound proper noun, nom. ta beattaine, 3rd pers. sing., masc. gend. and genitive case, governed by the noun majorn.

C. Parse: Taim as out cum an aonais (Junior, '98).

Taim An irreg. intrans. verb, indic. mood, present tense, 1st pers. sing., synthetic form, of ta (verbal noun, beit).

A prep., governing the dative case.

out A verbal noun, 3rd pers. sing., dative case, governed by the preposition a5.

cum A noun (dative case, governed by oo understood) used as a preposition, governing the genitive case.

an The definite article, gen. sing. maso, qualifying the noun against.

A common noun, first declen, nom.

Aonac, 3rd pers, sing., masc, gender, and genitive case governed by cum.

## D. Parse: Tí coip ouit é vo buatao.

A negative adverb, causing aspiration, modifying the suppressed verb ir.

[17] The assertive verb, present tense, ab-

comparative coma, qualifying the phrase e to bullate.

our A prep. pronoun, 2nd pers. sing. compound of oo and cu.

A personal pronoun, 3rd pers. sing., nom. case, disjunctive form, being the subject of the suppressed verb ir.

A preposition, causing aspiration, and governing the dative case.

buatat. A verbal noun, genitive buatce, 3rd pers. sing., dative case, governed by the preposition oo.

N.B.—E To bustate is the subject of the sentence.

## E. Parse: Camis re le capall a ceannac.

Tainis An irreg. intrans. verb, indic. mood, past tense, 3rd pers. sing. of the verb cisim (verbal noun, react).

- ré A pers. pron, 3rd pers. sing., masc. gen., conjunctive form, nom. case, being the subject of camp.
- te A preposition governing the dative case.
- capatt A common noun, first declens. gen. capatt, 3rd pers. sing., mase. gend. and dative case governed by te.
  - The softened form of the preposition oo, which causes aspiration, and governs the dative case.
- ceannac. A verbal noun, genitive ceannuiste, 3rd pers. sing., dative case, governed by the preposition a.

#### IDIOMS.

## ca...asam, I HAVE.

638. As already stated there is no verb "to have" in Irish. Its place is supplied by the verb τά followed by the preposition ας. The direct object of the verb "to have" in English becomes the subject of the verb τά in Irish: as, I have a book. Τά teadap αζαπ. The literal translation of the Irish phrase is "a book is at me."

This translation appears peculiar at first sight, but it is a mode of expression to be found in other languages. Most students are

familiar with the Latin phrase "Est mihi pater." I have a father (.it. there is a father to me); and the French phrase Ce livre est à moi. 1 own this book (lit. This book is to me).

We give here a few sentences to exemplify the idiom:—

He has the book.

I have not it.

Have you my pen?

The woman had the cow.

The man had not the

horse.

Will you have a knife tomorrow?

He would not have the dog.
We used to have ten
horses.

Tá an teaban aise. Ní fuit ré asam.

An bruil mo peann agat? Bí an bó ag an mhaoi.

Mi paib an capall as an

brean. An mbaro relan asac

1 mbápad? Hí biad an madpa aize. Od bíod deid Scapaill

azainn.

## 1s tiom, I OWN.

639. As the verb "have" is translated by the and the preposition  $\Delta_5$ , so in a similar manner the verb "own" is translated by the verb 1S and the preposition te. Not only is the verb "to own," but also all expressions conveying the idea of ownership, such as: The book belongs to me: the book is mine, &c.; are translated by the same idiom.

I own the book.

The book is mine.

Ir tiom an teaban.

The book belongs to me.

The horse was John's. The horse belonged to ba te Seatan an capati. John. John owned the horse.

Notice the position of the words. In translating the verb "have" the verb ca is separated from the preposition as by the noun or pronoun; but in the case of "own" the verb ir and the preposition te come together. (See par. 589, &c.)

I have the book. The an leaban asam. I own the book. Ir tiom an leaban.

In translating such a phrase as "I have only two cows," the noun generally comes after the preposition as: so that this is an exception to what has been said above.

I have only two cows. ni fuit agam act oá buin.

#### I KNOW.

640. There is no verb or phrase in Irish which can cover the various shades of meaning of the English verb "to know." First, we have the very commonly used word readan (or readain me), I know; but this verb is used only after negative or interrogative particles, and has only a few forms. Again, we have the verb aitnixim, I know; but this verb can only be used in the sense of recognising. Finally we have the three very commonly used phrases, the color agam, TA AICHE ASAM, and TA A fior ASAM, all meaning "I know;" but these three expressions have three different meanings which must be carefully distinguished.

Whenever the English verb "know" means "to know by heart," or "to know the character of a person," "to know by study," &c., use the phrase the eology as...ap.

Whenever "know" means "to recognise," "to know by apprarance," "to know by sight," &c., use the phrase cá aithe as...an. This phrase is usually restricted to persons.

When "know" means "to know by mere information," "to happen to know," as in such a sentence as "Do you know did John come in yet?" use the phrase tá a piop az, e.g. Opull a piop azar an ocámiz Seazán ipceac por?

As a rule young students experience great difficulty in selecting the phrases to be used in a given case. This difficulty arises entirely from not striving to grasp the real meaning of the English verb. For those who have already learned French it may be useful to state that as a general rule the cotar asam corresponds to je sais and the asam to je connais.

The action again air act of full color again air. Je le connais mais je ne le sais pas. I know him by sight but I do not know his character. "Do you know

that man going down the road?" Here the verb "know" simply means recognise, therefore the Irish is: "bruit aiche agac an an brean roin aca ag out rior an bocan? If you say to a fellow-student "Do you know your lessons to-day?" You mean "Do you know them by rote?" or "Have you studied them?" Hence the Irish would be: "Orust eolar agac an po ceaccannaid india?"

Notice also the following translations of the verb know.

r makir eot dom, 'Tis well I know.
r propae (peapae) dom, I know.
Dethim an hud atá an I say what I know.
eotar asam,

#### I LIKE, I PREFER.

641. "I like" and "I prefer" are translated by the expressions 1r mait (áit, ait) tiom and 1r reapp tiom (it is good with me; and, it is better with me).

I like milk.

1r mait tiom bainne.

He prefers milk to wine.

1r reapp teir bainn

He prefers milk to wine. 1r reapp terr banne ná ríon.

Does the man like meat? An mait terr an bream

Did you like that?

An mart teat é rin?

I liked it.

Da mart trom é.

We did not like the water. Nion mait tinn an c-uirse.

642. If we change the preposition "te" in the above sentences, for the preposition "oo," we get

another idiom. "It is really good for," "It is of benefit to." In most com é. It is good for me; (whether I like it or not).

He does not like milk but it is good for him. Ni mait teir banne act ir mait to é.

N.B.—In these and like idiomatic expressions the preposition "te" conveys the person's own ideas and feelings, whether these are in accordance with fact or not. 1r riu tiom out 50 h-Albain. I think it is worth my while to go to Scotland (whether it is really the case or not). 1r mon tiom an tuac roin. I think that a great price. 1r ruanac tiom e rin. I think that trifling (another person may not).

The word "think" in such phrases is not translated into Irish.

1r riu ouit out 50 h-Albain. It is really worth your while to go to Scotland (whether you think so or not).

# TIS LIOM, I CAN, I AM ABLE.

643. Although there is a regular verb reuroam, meaning I can, I am able, it is not always used. The two other expressions often used to translate the English verb "I can," are cit thom and if reiving them.

The following examples will illustrate the uses of the verbs.

#### Present Tense.

reudaim, ciz tiom\* or ir réidin tiom,† I can, or am able. reuvann cú, ciz teac or) Thou canst or art able. ir réioin leat. &c., &c.

## Negative.

ni feuraim, ni tis tiom; or I cannot, I am not able. ní réivin liom.

## Interrogative.

An ocis leac? or) an réivin leat?

Can you? or are you able?

## Negative Interrogative.

nac ous ter? or) nac réroin teir? Can he not? or is he not able?

#### Past Tense.

O' fewor, caims tiom, or or o' fewor tiom.

## Imperfect.

O' reurainn, tizear tiom. I used to be able.

<sup>\*</sup> Literally: It comes with me † It is possible with me.

#### Future.

reuorao, ciocraio tiom. I shall be able.

Conditional.

D' feuorainn, vo tiocravo I would be able. Liom.

(He thinks) he cannot. ni réroin teir. He cannot (It is absolutely Mi réivin vo. impossible for him).

#### I MUST.

644. The verb "must," when it means necessity or duty, is usually translated by the phrase ni rutain or cartrio. This latter is really the third person singular, future tense of carcim; but the present and other tenses are also frequently used. It may also be very neatly rendered by the phrase, ir eigean po (lit. it is necessary for).

Mi ruláin dom, caitrid mé, or I must. ir éizean com.

ni puláin quit, caitrió cú, or You must.

ni rulain do, caitrid re, or He must. ir éisean vo &c., &c.

The English phrase "have to" usually means "must," and is translated like the above : as, I have to go home now. Cartrio me out a baile anoir.

The English verb "must," expressing duty or necessity, has no past tense of its own. The English past tense of it would be "had to:" as, "I had to go away then." The Irish translation is as follows:—

nion b'rulam dom, Cart me, or I had to.

Mion b'fulan out. Care cu, or You had to.

&c., &c.

The English verb "must" may also express a supposition; as in the phrase "You must be tired." The simplest translation of this is "Mi putain so opull cumpe one," or, "Mi putain no ca cumpe one." The phrase "ir coramal so," meaning "It is probable that," may also be used: as, ir coramal so opul cumpe one.

The English phrase "must have" always expresses supposition, and is best translated by the above phrase followed by a verb in the past tense, as, "You must have been hungry," Hi fulsin 50 noescand reamac.

ní pulán zun čuaro (or zo nocažaro) pé amač, is used in Munster

#### I ESTEEM.

645. I esteem is translated by the phrase TA mear agam ap. Literally, "I have esteem on.

I esteem John. Did you esteem him? esteems you.

Tá mear agam an Seagán. Raib mear agat ain? He says that he greatly 'Oein re 50 bruit mear món aise ontra.

## I DIE

646. Although there is a regular verb, eus, die, in Irish it is not often used; the phrase seroim bar, I find death, is usually employed now. The following examples will illustrate the construction :-

The old man died yester- ruain an rean-rean bar day.

moé.

We all die.

Seibmio uite bar. Šeobao bár.

I shall die. They have just died. You must die.

Táio can éir báir o'tatáil Caitrio cú bár o'fatáil.

#### I OWE.

647. There is no verb "owe" in Irish, Its place is supplied by saying "There is a debt on a person.

Tá riac\* onm.

I owe.

Whenever the amount of the debt is expressed the word Fiac is usually omitted and the sum substituted.

He owes a pound.

Tá púnt ain.

You owe a shilling.

Tá railling onc.

<sup>\*</sup> The plural of this word, place, is very frequently used in this phrase.

When the person to whom the money is due is mentioned, the construction is a little more difficult: as, I owe you a pound as, CA punc asac oum, i.e., You have (the claim of) a pound on me—the words in brackets being always omitted.

He owes me a crown.

Here is the man to whom
you owe the money.

Tá conóin agam ain. Seo é an rean a (50) bruit an t-aingeato aige ont.

#### I MEET.

648. The verb "meet" is usually translated by the phrase "there is turned on," e.g., "I meet a man" is translated by saying "A man is turned on me." Carcan rean onm (toom or oom); but the phrase busittean (or tapta) rean onm is also used. I met the woman, oo carao an bean onm (toom or oom).

They met two men on the road.

I met John.

Oo carao being fean onta an an mbocap.

Oual Seasán umam.

#### Physical Sensations.

649. All physical sensations, such as hunger, thirst, weariness, pain, &c., are translated into Irish by saying that "hunger, thirst, &c., is on a person;" as, I

am hungry. The ocpar onm. Literally, hunger is on me. He is thirsty. Ta cant am. Literally, thirst is on him.

The same idiom is used for emotions, such as pride, joy, sorrow, shame, &c. The following examples will illustrate the construction :-

Orust ocnar one? ní tuit ochar onm anoir. Di an-tant opainn invé.

Di ana tant onainn invé.

Bruit name onta? Di naine an craotail uinni.

béid bhón món ain. Raib tuinge ont? 11 a biod eagla onc.

Tá ana coolad onm. Cá rlasoán ont.

Are you hungry? I am not hungry now.

We were very thirsty

yesterday.

Are they ashamed? She was very much

ashamed.

He will be very proud. Were you tired? Don't be afraid. I am very sleepy.

You have a cold.

Whenever there is a simple adjective in Irish corresponding to the English adjective of mental or physical sensation, we have a choice of two constructions, as :--

I am cold. Cá mé ruan or cá ruacce onm. You are sick. Cá cú cinn

" cá cinnear onc.

(or breence)

I was wearv. Di me cumresc ,, of cultre oum.

<sup>\*</sup> Distinguish between rlatoan a cold (a disease) and ruact, the cold, coldness (of the weather) and the adjective guan, cold.

The mean and the tinnear open have not quite the same meaning, the means I feel sick; but the tinnear open means I and in some sickness, such as fever, &c.

#### I CANNOT HELP.

650. The English phrase "I cannot help that," is translated by saying I have no help on that. In full neare agam air rin. The word leigear, "cure," may be used instead of neare.

When "cannot help" is followed by a present participle in English, use 111 (péroin tiom) San, with ver-

bal noun: as, I cannot help laughing, 11 {resourm resource.}

#### I AM ALONE.

651. There are two expressions which translate the English word "alone" in such sentences as I am alone, He is alone, &c., i.e., Taim im aonan, or Taim inom rein (I am in my oneship, or I am by (with) myself). He is alone. Tair en a aonan, or Tair either. She was alone. The rina haonan, or Tair iteit rein. We shall be alone. Deimio 'nan naonan, or beimio tinn rein.

#### I ASK.

652. The English word "ask" has two distinct meanings according as it means "beseech" or "inquire." In Irish there are two distinct verbs, viz.,

lappaim, I ask (for a favour), and plappingim, I ask (for information). Before translating the word "ask" we must always determine what is its real meaning, and then use lapp or plapping accordingly.

Ask your friend for money. 1app airsead ar do caraid.

Ask God for those graces. 1app ap Oia na spárta roin a tabaint out.

Ask him what o'clock it is. Frappur's de cad a clos é.

He asked us who was that 'O' frappur's fé dinn cla'n at the door.

b'é pin as an dopar.

They asked me a question. O'rarpurgesoan cerro viom.

## 653. I DO NOT CARE.

I do not care. 1r cuma tiom. It is no affair of mine. 1r cuma dom. Is it not equal to you? nac cuma route? It is no affair of yours. 1r cuma duic. You don't care. Ir cuma leac. He does not care. 1r cuma teir. It is no affair of his. 1r cuma oo. We did not care. Da cuma Linn. It was no affair of ours. DA Cuma Tunn. They did not care. Da cuma Leo.

(See what has been said about the prepositions te and oo in the Idiom "I prefer," par. 642.)

#### I OUGHT.

654. "I ought" is translated by the phrase if complete court. We ought to go home, if comploting out a batte. We ought to have gone home, ba completion for the past tense in English, it is necessary to use the past infinitive in English to express past time. But as the Irish expression, if complete has a past tense (ba complete simple verbal noun is always used in Irish in such expressions.

Ought you not have gone to nan coin out out so Derry with them?

Oome teo?

He ought not have gone nion coin oo imteact. away.

# English Dependent Phrases translated by the Yerbal Noun.

655. Instead of the usual construction, consisting of a verb in a finite tense followed by its subject (a noun or a pronoun), we very frequently meet in Irish with the following construction. The English finite verb is translated by the Irish verbal noun, and the English subject is placed before the verbal noun. If the subject be a noun it is in the nominative form, but if a pronoun in the disjunctive form.

The following examples will exemplify the idiom:-

there rather than myself

I'd prefer that he should be To b'reapp tiom é vo beit ann ná mire,

Is it not better for us that these should not be in the host.

nac reann buinn San 140 ro vo beit ing an mbav.

I saw John when he was coming home. I knew him when I was a Connaic mé Seatán agur é as teact a baile. Di aithe agam ain agur

boy. The clock struck just as he was coming in.

mé im buacaill. To buail an clos agur é

AS TEACT ITTEAC.

#### Idiomatic Expressions.

cuir.

Cuip opmra é.
Cuipimre optra é.
Cuin umat (ont).

Cuip an Tape 50 mon aip.

Cuippearra d'fiacait opt

Cuip iacatt ain é (a)

πά συιη ορι η πί συιμεσο ορε.

Cuip ré a man.

Cuip ré rond opm.

Cuin ré rpeic (or runán) onm.

Cuipear nómam a déanam. Tá cup ríor (tháct or

tomplát) an an scosat. Cuin ré culait éadais dá teanain.

Cuin ré 'na tuite opm. Cuin i ξεάς δυη γαιτοιύη mire.

Cuin an bun.

Cuip (Bain) pé paoi 1 5Concais.

Τά τέ ας cun 'r ας cúιτεαṁ. Say it was I did it. I say it was you did it.

Dress yourself.

Thirst annoyed him

greatly.

I'll make you stop.

Make him do it.

Don't interfere with me and I will not interfere with you.

He tracked him (her, them).

He addressed me.

I resolved to do it.

There is talk about the war.

He got a suit of clothes made.

He convinced me of it. Suppose me to be a soldier.

Established.

He settled down in Cork.

cup 'r as He is debating in his mind.

#### CABAIR.

Tabain ruar.

Tá ré tabanta.

Tá ré buaitte ruar.

Ta ré tusta (tabanta)

To'n tott ran.

ταδαιη το τημιπ teir. Ταξας τε ποεάρ(α) απ

rotar. Tá ré tabanta ruar.

Cus ré ruar. Cá cabarta ruar aise. Ir ocacain ríninne i éiteac oo tabaint o'á céite. Cá cabaint ruar món ain. Surrender.

He is played out.

He is addicted to that vice.

Turn your back to him. I noticed the light.

He has been given up for dead.
He gave in.
He has given in.

It is hard to reconcile truth and falsehood.

He is highly educated.

#### vean.

θέαι μιο αρ το πάζαιρ.

Πί τέαιτατ τέ μιο ομπ.

Πας παιτ πας ποεάρπαις τέτι έ!

Πας παιτ πά τέαιπαι τω τέτι μιο αρ το πάζαιρ?

Πυαιρ τυιξεαταρία ξεάδας το τίπις (μιππρ) απ τέαρτ.

Όθαπ αίμε (το) ταθαίμε του ξπό μέιπ.
 Όθαπ το ξπό μέιπ.

Cabain aine ooo snó réin.

Obey your mother.

He would not oblige me.

How well you didn't do it yourself!

Why don't you obey your mother yourself?

When they understood how well you had done the trick.

Mind your own business.

Dean na ba oo chuo Milk the cows. (bleatan).

An noeannair an ponur Did you shut the door? no dúnad?

Tá ré as Déanam onainn. He is coming towards us.

# 1m亡15.

Conur (cionnur) o' imtit How did he get on? teir?

Cao o' imtis ain?

Muain tuiceann nuo man reo amac.

Cao imteocar onm ? (Cneur émeodar rom ?)

What became of him? What happened to him?

When something like this happens.

What will become of me?

## ĦÃ.

Dob' é an céan puine po The first person he met buail uime ná Seatán 1147.

1r é puo oob' reapp teir reircinc 11 ana Saranais To ten o'd noibing ar Cipinn..

1ré nuo oo cus anoir cum caince leat me 11 a me beit i schuad-car.

1r é nuo oo ninne (dein) an rean Mácaiteam leo.

was Seatán Liat.

What he wished most to see was the banishment of the whole of the English from Ireland.

What brought me to talk with you now is the fact that I am in difficulty.

What the man did was to throw at them.

Ir é nuo oo dein Séamar annrain Há í bronnad AIN.

Ir é nuo aveinead sac einne ná sun mait ain.

What James did then was to make him a present of it.

What everyone used to say was that it was a great blessing for him.

#### mon.

Ir mon le não é.

Ir mon le maordeam é.

Nion mon le não é.

ní món dom rillest.

ní món dom stuareacc. ni món tinn ouic.

ní món tiom vó é.

Ní món nac (ná 50) bruit ré véanta. ní món ná 50 mbero ré

cniocnuiste.

. Cá món vom, &c.?

nac mon a o' einit cu! ní móroe (mó + ve) 50 nasao.

It is important.

It is a thing to be proud of, or boast about.

It was not of muck importance.

I must return

I must take my departure.

We have no objection to your doing so.

I don't grudge it to him.

It is almost done.

It will be nearly finished.

Why shouldn't I, &c. ? lit., how is it too much for me?

How grand you have got! It is not likely that I shall

g0.

# beas.

1r beag tiom é. 1r beag opm é. 1r beag agam é. 1r beag an rgéal é.

Ir beas an cabain tú.

1r beás vá riór asac.1r beas nac micro vó beic as imceacc.

Da beas nápimitro do beit as imteact.

1r beaς α ὑρίς é.
 1r beaς má τά éinne i n-€ipinn o' réaorao é

f consider it too small.

I don't like it at all.

I have no great opinion of him.

It's no great harm. He is not to be pitied.

You are not of much use. 'Tis little you know.

It is nearly time for him to be going.

It was nearly time for him to be going.

It is a trifle.

It is a trifle.

There is hardly a person in Ireland who could do it.

### Miscellaneous.

bí ré as éinse ruan.

Mait an áit so habair!

Mait man tánta.

Níon tabain ré riú aon focat amáin.

San riú na h-anáta oo tappains (tapac).

Fiú án noaoine réin.

An émeccaro (ré) tinn?

Shall we succeed?
It was getting cold.
Well said! or Well done!
It has happened luckily.
He did not speak a single word.

Without even taking breath.

Even our own people.

Cá ré as out i breabar. Cá ré as out i n-otcar. Abain é!

ní cumin tiom a teitéro.

O tápla an leaban asam anoir.

Caré seattle beit rollam Caré rollam nac mon.

Ni fuit out uard agac. Cá an fean ran ag out i

mbeo opin.

Tá ré 1 ploét báir. Tá ré le h-uét báir.

Ir mille(ac) an rgéal é. Ir caille an lá é le plice. Sgéal san bac.

Leis (Leos) com réin Leo' curo caince.

Cao é an cuio atá agatra oe?

An curo ir luga de dá uain ra mbliadain.

Copp na h-éagcópa.

Le copp viomaoinir.

Tá rmuc ve'n ceant aige. Ir leam an gnó vuit é. He is getting better.

He is getting worse.

Hear! hear! Bravo!

I don't remember the like of it.

As I happen to have the book now.

It is almost empty.

You cannot avoid it.

That man's conduct cuts

me to the quick.

He is at the point of death.

It is a terrible affair.
It is a terribly wet day.
A very unlikely story.

Don't annoy me with your

What right (call) have you to it?

At least twice a year.

The essence of wrong.

Through downright laziness.

He is partly right.

'Tis an absurd thing for you to do.

Cao 'na taob ná ceannuiseann tú bhósa duic réin? San an t-aipsead do beit asam.

Tá ré an nór cuma tiom. Cé tá an án trí? Tá ré an to tí.

Daoine nác mé.

Di ceao paop aige ap out.

Ir oual acap oo.

Di mo cupar i n-airoeap.

Ca teigeann cú a tear.

Sogaille go.

Dero ran 'na marta 7 'na suc an a setú an oá tá 'r an fairo a beir shian ra rpéin.

Tá ré beasán ruan.

Tá ré beagán ruan.

Tá ré poinnt bodan.

Tá ré san beit an rógnam,

Ní fuit an t-uball ro
aibid i sceant.

Πί cúμγαιόε ξάιμιόε é. Όο ξάιμτά, πυμα πδεαό πας cúir ξάιμιόε é. Why don't you buy boots for yourself? Because I have not the money.

He is indifferent.

Who is intending us harm? He is bent on attacking you. He intends to harm you.

Others besides myself. He had permission to go. He has it from his father. My journey was in vain. You need not.

A fool's errand; a wild goose chase.

That will be a reproach and a blot on their fame the longest day the sun will be in the sky.

It is a little cold.

He is somewhat deaf.
He is a little unwell.

This apple is not quite ripe.

It is nothing to laugh at. You would laugh only that it is not a matter to laugh at. Ili cupraide caince é.

Cappains cusat pur éisint eile map cupraire masair.

Cadé an 5nó ατά αξατ σε? Όο σαιπερό ισημάς σε ξειτ αγ.

ni fuit aon san as opéim teir an mbatta.

ni paib aon maitear 'na \$10p.

Μί πόισε χυη γχρίου γέ απ λιτιρ.

Sabaim tem' air rin oo béanam.

Cáburóeacar agamont (ré)

beinim buideadar duice man seatt (stott) ain.

Sabaim buideacar leat man seall ain.

θειό τύ σέληλό (σέιδεληλό) λζ λη τηλεη.

Derò tú déanac an rsoit. Dí curd aca sá nád so naid beinte (benta) an an mbiteamnac.

Ειρεούλιο α ύροιο αρ Οιληπιιο. It is nothing to talk about. Find something else to make fun about.

What do you want it for? He was slightly startled.

There's no use trying to get up on the wall.

In vain did he cry (talk, speak).

Perhaps he did not write the letter.

I propose to do that.

I am thankful to you (for).

I thank you for it.

You will be late for the train.

You will be late for school. Some of them were saying that the rascal was caught.

It will break Dermot's heart.

Staine piat an Saiproib. Munad one atá an Caine!

Luis an caine so tein an an macatons a bi imeiste an Sabb.

Nion imitis opta act an nuo a bi tuille aca.

Čeip opainn ceacc ruar teo.

Tá ré as déanam aithir an a caint.

Cá ré an an brean ir raidbhe ra Mumain.

Tr voca sup voic leo.

Tá ré buailte irteac im aigne.

Loipsead iad'na mbeataid. Cad adéanpad con an bit aise?

bí bheir món 7 a sceant aca dá fasáil.

bí conóin ré'n bpúnt aca vá fafáit.

টা বুবট uite duine বহু ব্যৱসামল ব্যায়বাই (ব্যায়ব্রুর) They burst out laughing.

What talk you have! If it isn't you have the talk

The whole conversation turned on the misfortune which had befallen Sive.

They only got what they had deserved.

We failed to overtake them.

He is mimicking his manner of talking.

He is the richest man in Munster.

Probably they imagine. I am firmly convinced.

They were burnt alive.
What will I do at all with him?

They were getting a great deal more than their right.

They were getting five shillings in the pound.

Everyone was sympathising with her. Comnaoir too Seasán an té ba fine aca.

ba doic lead ain Sun leir an aid.

ni paib a tuaipirs ann.

Com mait agur vá mba ná paid éagcóin an bit ann.

O'riarnuis ré cao ré nocán an rutc.

Cé'n a mac tú?

ní maitrean puinn ouic.

Ca b'fior ouic?

A rseat rein rseat sac einne.

Cura ré noeán roin. Cá 5nó nac é a5am.

ní care dom réin.

The eldest of them was the same age as John.

You (one) would imagine by him that he owned the place.

There wasn't a trace of him there.

Just as if it were not wrong.

He asked what was the cause of the merriment.
Whose son are you?

You will meet your match. How did you know?

Everyone is most interested in his own affairs.

You are the cause of that.

I have a different matter to look after.

I am no exception; i.e., I am the same as the others.

### The Autonomous Form of the Irish Yerb.

It is sometimes necessary or convenient to express an action without mentioning the subject, either because the latter is too general or not of sufficient importance to be mentioned, or because there is some other reason for suppressing it. Most languages have felt this necessity, and various means have been adopted to supply it. The use of the passive voice, or of reflexive verbs, or of circumlocutions, is the method generally adopted in other languages. In Irish there is a special form of the verb for this purpose. As it has no subject expressed it is sometimes called the Indefinite form of the verb: as it forms a complete sentence in itself it is also called the Autonomous or Independent form.

An English verb cannot stand without its subject. For example, "walks," "walked," etc., express nothing. The English verbs cannot alone make complete sense. The Autonomous form of Irish verbs can stand alone. The word "Dualteap" is a complete sentence. It means that "the action of striking takes place." The Autonomous form stands without a subject; in fact it cannot be united to a subject, because the moment we express a subject the ordinary 3rd person singular form of the particular tense and mood must be substituted. Dualteap an bopo. Someone (they, people, we, etc.) strikes the table; but bualteann an peap (re, plad, na dooine, etc.) an bopo

We shall take the sentence: Duanteean an zavan te ctoic o taim Caroz. The word "buanteean" of itself conveys a complete statement, viz., that the action of striking takes place. The information given by the single word "buaitean" is restricted to the action. There are circumstances surrounding that action of which we may wish to give information; e.g. "What is the object of the action?" "An zadan." "What is the instrument used?" "Le cloic." "Where did the stone come from?" "O Laim Caids." We may thus fill in any number of circumstances we please, and fit them in their places by means of the proper prepositions, but these circumstances do not change the nature of the fundamental word "buaitean."

It may be objected that the word "buaitcean" in the last sentence is passive voice, present tense, and means "is struck," and that "an savan" is the subject of the verb. Granted for a moment that it is passive voice. Now since "buaiteann ouine éigin é," somebody strikes him, is active voice, as all admit, and by supposition "buaittean é," somebody strikes him, or, he is struck, is passive, then comes the difficulty, what voice is "tatan buante." somebody is struck? Surely it is the passive of "buailcean"; and if so "buailcean" itself cannot be passive, though it may be rendered by a passive in English. If we are to be guided merely by the English equivalent, then "buaiteann" in the above phrase is as much a passive voice as "buaitcean," because it can be correctly translated into English by a passive verb : viz., He is struck.

When we come to consider this form in intransitive verbs, our position becomes much stronger in favour of the Autonomous verb. Let us consider the following sentence: Subaltan an an mbotan nuan bionn

an botan tipim, act nump bionn an botan rtiuc, riubattan an an sciarce. People walk on the road when it is dry, but when the road is wet they walk on the path. Where is the nominative case of the so called passive verb here? Evidently there is none The verb stands alone and conveys complete sense. If we wish to express the nominative, the Autonomous form of the verb cannot be used. In the above sentence we might correctly say: Siubiann ré (riao, riin, na daoine, etc.), but not riubattan é (iao, riin, na daoine, etc.)

Probably classical scholars will draw analogies from Latin and quote such instances as, Goncurritur ad muros. Ventum est ad Vestae. Sic itur ad astra. Deinde venitur ad portam; where we have intransitive verbs in an undoubtedly passive construction, and therefore, by analogy, the true signification of rubattap in the above sentence is "It is walked," and it is simply an example of the impersonal passive construction. Now, if conclusions of any worth are to be drawn from analogies, the analogies themselves must be complete. The classical form corresponding to the Irish Diceap as rubat ap an mbotap muaip bionn an botap cipim, etc., or cátap as rubat ap an mbotap anoir is wanting, and therefore the analogy is incomplete and deductions from it are of little value.

One of the strongest arguments we have in favour of the Autonomous verb is the fact that the verb "to be" in Irish possesses every one of the forms possessed by transitive and intransitive verbs. The analogy with Latin again fails here. Catan as teact,

Somebody is coming. Derogan as thusal, Somebody will be walking. Huan moduly an t-acac so navea as ceansalt a cor, When the giant perceived that they were binding his legs.

The Irish Autonomous form cannot be literally translated into English, because no exact counterpart exists in English, hence the usual method of translating this form is to use the English passive voice, but the Irish verb is not therefore passive. To give an instance of the incapability of the English language to express literally the force of the Autonomous verb, notice the English translation of the subjoined example of the continued use of the Autonomous verb in au Irish sentence.

"Ait and depend if ead an Ait fin: much bitean as sabait an theo pain i n-am maint na h-oidde, aimistean coimideact d'a déanam 7 rothom man beiride as nit 7 rothom eite man beiride as teidead, 7 annrain aimistean rothom man tiocraide ruar 7 man buaitride 7 man beiride raoi buatad 7 man thurride, 7 annrain aimistean man bead deans-nuatan 7 toin."

This passage cannot be literally translated: the following will give a fair idea of its meaning: "That place is frequented by fairies: when one is walking near it in the dead stillness of the night, footsteps are heard and loud noises, as if people were running and fleeing, and then other noises are heard as if people were overtaking (those who were running away), and were striking and being struck, and as if they were being broken in pieces, and then are heard noises as if they were in hot rout and pursuit."

The Autonomous form of the verb has a passive voice of its own formed by the addition of the verbal adjective (or past participle) of the verb to the Autonomous forms of the verb to be; e.g., Tatan busine, etc.

This form of the Irish verb has a full conjugation through all the moods and tenses, active and passive voices; but has only one form for each tense. All verbs in Irish, with the single exception of the assertive verb 17, have this form of conjugation. 17 can have no Autonomous form, because 17 has no meaning by itself. It is as meaningless as the sign of equality (=) until the terms are placed one on each side of it.

To sum up then, the Irish Autonomous form is not passive, for—

- (1) All verbs (except 17), transitive and intransitive, even the verb ca, have this form of conjugation.
- (2) This form has a complete passive voice of its own
- (3) The disjunctive forms of the personal pronouns are always used with it; e.g., busitees 6.
- (4) Very frequently when a personal pronoun is the object of the Autonomous form of the verb, it is placed last in the sentence or clause to which it belongs, thus giving a very close analogy with the construction of the active verb, already explained in par. 585. High clan pam... Sup peolar incead pan scout reo me... It was not long until I was driven into this wood. To teizearar on a scheactair iar. They were healed of their wounds.
  - (5) Lastly, and the strongest point of all, in the

minds of native Irish speakers, without exception, the word busitees in such sentences as "busitees an gadan" is active, and gadan is its object. Surely those Irish speakers are the best judges of the true shape of their own thoughts.

We will now give a synopsis of the various forms of the Autonomous verb, beginning with the verb τά.

# The Yerb Ta.

		3 - 1		
cátap.*	1	is, are.		
ni fuitceap.t		is not, are not.		
biceap (bičeap).		does be, do be.		
ni viceap.	1.3	does not be, do not be.		
bitear (bitean).	etc	was, were.		
ni pabtar.	e e	was not, were not.		
bici.	do	used to be.		
beiran, beirean, bei	we, they, people, etc.	will be.		
reap, béiteap.	ley/			
beirí(de), beidri(de)	一年	would be.		
béiċi.				
bicean (Le	t). one one of the first	be.		
má tátan (I	f).   9	is, are.		
má bíceap (I	f). 0	does be, do be.		
etc.	02			
oá mbeiri (I	f).	were, would be.		
50 pattap! (May	7).	be (for once).		
50 mbicean! (May	7).	be (generally).		
Deigum zo bruitcesp, I say that someone, etc., is.				
Deipim ná ruilteap, ", " is not.				

<sup>\*</sup> tatanr or tata'r. † ruilteanr, ruiltea'r.

### An Intransitive Verb.

Sinbaltan. cátan as riubal. bicean as riubal. riubtao. bitear as rubal. riubatzaoi. bici as riubal. riubatran. beiran as riubal. rinbatraoi. beiri as riubat. riubattan (Let) bicean as riubal (Let). má riubalcan (If). etc. (If). OA riubaltaoi oá mbeirí az riubat (If)

walks, walk. is (are) walking. does (do) be walking. walked. Someone, we, they, people, etc. was (were) walking. used to walk. used to be walking. will walk will be walking. would walk. would be walking. walk. be walking. is (are) walking. would be walking.

were walking.

### A Transitive Verb.

A noun is placed after the active forms in order to show the cases.

Unaittean an ctáp. Someone strikes the table. Τάταη ας buatar an ctáin. Someone is striking the

table.

Tá an cláp vá (\$á) vualav. The table is being struck.

Tátan ré buatao, Someone is being struck.

Director as buatar an ctain. Someone usually strikes

the table.

To busites o an clap. Someone struck the table.

Ditear as bualad an claip. Someone was striking the table.

Di an cláp vá (\$á) bualav. The table was being struck.

Vitear buaitte. Someone was struck.

Vicear re buatav. Someone was being struck.

Duaittí an cláp. Someone used to strike

the table.

Dici as buatao an ctáiμ. Someone used to be striking the table.

Diti busilite. Someone used to be struck.

Dualtran (bualtrean) an Someone will strike the

ctóp. table.

Deipap az buatar an Someone will be striking

Cláip. the table.

Deiran buailte. Someone will be struck.

Out.: (toualtrive) an Someone would strike the

Deirí ag buatao an cláip. Someone would be striking the table.

Design busilte. Someone would be struck.

Dualteen an clap. Let someone strike the

table.

Uicean as buatao an Let someone be striking

ctain. (The table.

má buaittean an ctán. If someone strikes the table. má bitean ag buataó an If someone does be striking

claim the table.

etc. i an clâp. If someone were to strike

Oá mbuaitrí an cláp. If someone were to stril the table. Oi mbeiri as bualar an If someone were to be claim. striking the table.

Before leaving this important subject it may not be uninteresting to see what some Irish grammarians have thought of the Autonomous form.

O'Donovan in his Irish Grammar (p. 183) wrote as follows:—

"The passive voice has no synthetic form to denote persons or numbers; the personal pronouns, therefore, must be always expressed, and placed after the verb; and, by a strange peculiarity of the language, they are always 'in the accusative form.'

"For this reason some Irish scholars have considered the passive Irish verb to be a form of the active verb, expressing the action in an indefinite manner; as, bualteen mé, i.e., some person or persons, thing or things, strikes or strike me; bualten é, some person or thing (not specified) struck him. But it is more convenient in a practical grammar to call this form by the name passive, as in other languages, and to assume that tû, é, i, and lao, which follow it, are ancient forms of the nominative case."

Molley says in his Grammar, page 62:-

"Verbs have a third form which may be properly called deponent; as busitees, mé, I am (usually) beaten; busitees, û, thou art (usually) beaten; busitees, he is (usually) beaten. The agent of this form of the verb is never known; but although verbs of this form always govern the objective case, like active verbs, still they must be rendered in English

by the passive; as, bualtead 140, they were beaten. Here 140 is quite passive to the action; for it suffers the action which is performed by some unknown agent."

Again at page 99, he says:--

"But there is another form of the verb which always governs an objective case; and although it must be translated into the passive voice in English, still it is a deponent, and not a passive, form in Irish; as, busitear mé, etc. The grammarians who maintain that this form of the verb takes a nominative case clearly show that they did not speak the language; for no Irish speaking person would say busitear ré, ri, riao. It is equally ridiculous to say that é, i, iao, are nominatives in Irish, although they be found so in Scotch Gaelic."

Further on, at page 143, he states again that "deponent verbs govern an objective case."

Thus we plainly see that O'Donovan and Molloy bear out the fact that the noun or pronoun after the Autonomous form of the verb is in the accusative case, though the former says it is more convenient to assume that it is in the nominative case!

# APPENDICES.

## Appendix I.

### NOUNS OF THE FIRST DECLENSION

aθμάn, a song.
ατοιρταμ, a halter.
άτθαμ, a cause.
ατοιρταμ, a fool.
απαρία, a fool.
απαρία, a sight.
απιρτ, doubt.
ατοιρταμ, delight.
ατοιρταμ, delight.
ατοιρταμ, delight.
ατοιρταμ, delight.
ατοιρταμ, delight.
ατοιρταμ, delight.
ατοιρταμ, μπαρισταμ, ατοιρταμ, ατοι

báo, boat. balban, dummy. (stammerer). bann, top. bár, death. beasán, a little. biato, food; gen. bit. bιομάη, a pin. biceamnac, rascal. blar, taste. bonn, sole, foundation. bótan, road; nom. pl. bóitne. bnaván, a salmon. bμόο, joy, pride. buomac, foal or colt. bnón, sorrow. bruac, brink; pl. bruaca. burbeacar, thanks. bun, bottom.

caireat,\* a stone fortress.

canbao, chariot. cann, heap. carán, path. carún, hammer. CAT, cat. ceann, head or end. ceot, music; pl. ceotca. cenolongao, + breakfast. cineát, kind or sort. cteamnar, marriage alliance. cléineac, clerk ctos, bell, clock. cogao, war; pl. cogea or cosaroe. copán, cup. cheroeam, faith, religion. cuan, bay or haven; pl. cuanta. cuban, foam. cut, back of the head.

vaot, beetle.

velpead, end.

viabat, devil.

vinneup, dinner.

vocap, harm.

voiceatl, grudge, reserve.

voman, earth, world.

vonap misfortune.

vorap, door; pl. voippe.

vuice, difficulty.

vitcap, inherited instinct.

eapball, a tail.
Cappac, Spring.
crocan, ivy.
cotar, knowledge.
cuoac, cloth, clothes.

<sup>.</sup> This word also means a child's spinning "top."

<sup>†</sup> In spoken language breicrearta, m., is used for "breakfast."

rapad, shelter.
popsad, friac, raven; pl. péic or péis,
pocat, a word; pl. pocait or
pocta.
posman, Autumn.
ronn, tune or air.

Saban, goat,
Saoan, beagle,
Sannoal, gauder.
Sanprán, a young boy.
Seaman, green corn.
Seanplack, young bird.
Slan, lock.
Sob, beas (of a bird).
Speann, humour.
Spual, coal.

iapann, iron. (p)iotap, eagle. ionao, place. ipteán, hollow.

laož, calf.
Lán, middle.
Leadan, a book; pl. teaban,
Leadpa.
Leadphan, booklet.
Leatan, leather.
Leun, misfortune.
Líon, a net; pl Lionta.
Lón, provision.
Lonz, a track.

mavat or mavna, a dog; pl. mavnavo. masat, mockery, ridioule. maon, a steward. mant, steer or beeve. meac, fallure. mutteán, blame. mionnán, kid. mónán, much, many. mullac, top; pl. mullarje.

naom, a saint. neapt, strength, ochap, hunger. όρ, gold.

pázánac, a pagan. páspeup, paper. píobán, windpipe or neck. pope, tune or air. ppeučán, crow.

man, track; gen. μιαιπ. μότο, road. μún, secret.

rac, a sack.

ražar, kind or sort.
ratann, salt.
rampad, summer.
raožat, life, world.
raotan, exertion, work.
readac, hawk.
readac, hawk.
reova, precious thing, jewel;
pl. reova.
rgeut, news: pl. rgeuta;
rgeuta, stories.
rladnad, chain; pl. rladnarde.
rop, wisp.
ropt, kind or sort
ropro, a spirit.

popt, a spur.
ppópt, sport.
própt, treasure store.
puaimnear, repose.

tamatt, a short space of time.
caoipeac, a captain, a leader.

caorreac, a captain, a leader. teattac, hearth. tropsán, furniture. túr, beginning

# Appendix II.

A list of feminine nouns ending in a broad consonant, belonging to the Second Declension.

MEANING.

GRN.

Now

NOM.	GEN.	MEANING.
<b>α</b> δομο	40aipce	a horn
bábós	<b>δ</b> άδόι <b>ς</b> e	a doll
barroesc	10 Διροίξο	rain
bannac	bappaise	tow
beac	beiće	bee
beann	beinne	a mountain peak
beanac	beamanze	a heifer
blácac	bláitice or blátais	e buttermilk
bor	boire	palm (of the hand)
bjieit	bneite	judgmen:
bhen2	bjiéize	a lie
bristan	bjiéréjie	word of honour
<b>δηό</b> 5	<b>b</b> μόι <u>ς</u> e	a shoe
bjinizean	bjiuiżne	palace, fort
burbean	burone	a troop
carlleac	caillise	an old woman
ceals	ceitse	deceit.
Ceanc	Cifice	hen
ceáno	céipoe	a trade
CIALL	céille	sense
CIAN	céine (pl. cianta)	distance
cianóz	C14110150	beetle
cíoji	cipe	a comb
cláipreac	cláijirise	a harp
clann	cloinne or clainne	
cloċ	cloice	a stone
cluar	clusire	an car
clúm	clúime	plumage
cnead	cnerde	a wound
colpac	colpaise	
cor	corre	a foot a branch
Chrop	спастве	
chaoreac	Chaothige	a spear plunder
cheac	cheiçe	•
cheas	cherze	end
cnioc	chica	gibbet
choc	choice	Cross
chor	choile	cuckoo
cuac	cuarce	a fly
cuileog	cuiteoise	m/

Nom.
Dabac
Dealb
Dealc
Deoc
Dooneann
Donean

GEN.

Daibée
Deilbe
Deilge
Dige
Dine
Doining
Dielée

MEANING.
a vat
a form
a thorn
a drink
protection
bad weather
face, visage

earóz

earóize

a weasel

tribeo2
tribeo2
tribeo2
tribeo2
tribeo2
treat2
treat2
treat2
treat2
treat2

reicte reijtge reuroize rictile rleide rleige ruinneoize ruinneoize ruingeoize time, occasion
anger
beard
chess
a feast
wreath
a root
window
an ash
a lark

Sablós Saot Seatac Seas Seig Seigreac Sioprac Stún Sman Sabloise
Saoite
Saolte
Sealaise
Seise
Sise
Soipraise
Soipraise
Staine
Speine
Spinaise

wind moon branch squeak girl knee sun hair

a little fork

ıall ın<u>ş</u>ean éille

thong daughter

Lám Láime laró5 Laróise Lażać Laitce, Lataite leac Leice Leite lest Long Luinge Lub Luibe Luč Luice

hand match (light) mud, mire a stone flag half, side ship loop mouse

meun mus méine

finger pig

neam

meime

heaven

Non-	GEN.	MEANING.
óinreac	6inmite	fool (f.)
ομοόξ	ομισόιζε	thumb
piare	péirce	reptile
piarcoz	ριαγτόιζε	worm
piob	pibe	musical pipe
pluc	pluice	cheek
pó5	bọ:2e	kisa
man	néine	order, regulation
rát	ráile	heei
reals	reitze	hunt
reapc	тегисе	love
reitheac	reiphizo	plough
*5eAC	rzeice.	hawthorn bush
rsian	TTINE	knife
rgiam	rcéime	comeliness
TSIAt	r Séito	shield
rzónnac	rzonnaiże	throat
rshiob	rspibe	scrape
rion	rine	weather
TLAT	FLAICE	rod
roineann	roininne	fine weather
rpeat	rreite	scythe
rplanc	rpla ice	spark, thunderbolt
rnón	{rhóna	nose
CAOD	Chong	side
cean	téroe	string
conn	Euinie	Wave
They g	Eheige	tribe
Chemo	· poroc	***************************************
นอิ	u1be	an egg

# Appendix III.

### NOUNS BELONGING TO THE THIRD DECLENSION.

- (a) All personal nouns ending in oip, uip,
- (b) All abstract nouns ending in acc.
- (c) Verbal nouns in ace, ait, and amain.
- (d) The following list:-

Non.	GENITIVE.	MEANING
acc	AČTA	decre-)
ainm	4nma	name

Nom.

altóipi anál anam aoò

Δċ

GENITIVE.

airiste, aireasta altópa anála anma aora repayment, restitution altar breath soul Hugh

MEANING

beannact bain-piosan biop

bion bić (bioć) bláć bliadain blioce boć bruš

buacaill buaió buaióine cabair

cáin
Cáirg
cat
cion
cior
cit, m. (ciot)
clear
cliamain, m.
cnám

coolad coolad coin connnad cornad chad chior

chie chie caile caile

váil ván vač veanam Viarmuiv vočeúm vpúče vpuim, m. beannacta bain-piotna

ÁŽA

beana
beata
bláta
bliata
bleata
bota
bota
bnota
buatalla

ουαύα ουαιύσαμτα καθμα καθμας κάπα κάπα κάτσα

cata
ceana
ciora
ceata
cleara
cleara
cnáma
cooalta
conata
connanta

υάια υάπα υατα υεαππα Όταμπυυα υοζτύπα υμύζτα υμύζτα blessing queen a (cooking) spit

folk, people

ford

a (cooking) spit life blossom a year butter-milk tent, cot palace, mansion boy

boy victory trouble.

help tax Easter battle

love, desire, affection rent shower a trick son-in-law bone sleep justice

compact, covenant defence torture, destruction belt

form visit part, share

account, meeting destiny colour make or shape Dermot doctor dew a back Non. éanc éuro euloro GENITIVE.

MEANING. tax, tribute jealousy escape, elopement

rát reapt reaptainn rerom reoil PIACAIL rion rior Flait rot ro5luim róznao FUASHAO ruace, m. ruarslat rust ruit

ráta
reapta
reaptanna
reatoma
reota
riacta
riona
reara
rtata
rota
rotaumta

rósanta )

ruasanta 1

ruarztuizte

FUACEA

cause, reason
a grave, tomb
rain
service, use
flesh, mest
a tooth
wine
knowledge
prince
a sudden attack
learning
fdecree
{announcement
cold
ransom, redemption

ruata rola Slean Sníom

Tleanna Tníoma Tona Thára Theama Thora Tola Tora valley
act, deed
wound
love
a piece
curds
weeping
a voice

hatred

blood

14 ppar**o** 14 <del>č</del> 10 mái**n** 10 mpá**o** 

Sleann

Sniom

501n

Spáro

Shut

Sul

ζuċ

Speim, m.

tappada tača tomána tomplátdce a desire, request land, country hurling (a game) report, notice

leabat, f.
leact
tionn
lior
toc
toc
tur

leabta
leacta
leanna
leara
loca
locta
lora

a bed a grave beer, ale a fort lake reproach an herb

maióm maićeam mear matima maites meara defeat, rout forgiveness esteem Mose mil moto moin muit

GENTTIVE.
miana
mieala
moda
mona
majia

MEANING.
desire
honey
manner
bog
sea

óg olann ollamain onóin orglaó όξα elna ollamna onóμα organice a young person wool instruction honour admission, opening

nat neact, m. nioct nata neacta neacta

ramla

Samna

luck law a form running

ramail Sairain rgát reot reat riot riottáin rliott rmatt, Ma

rnám

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rnón

Mut

reata reata reata reaca riotcána rleacta rmacta rmáma roja rnata rnima roja rnima

CAILLIÚNA

Cána

an equal, like
November
shadow
flower
a space of time
frost
peace
posterity
a curb
a swim
pleasure
a layer
nose

stream

Táilliúin Táin Tionpsam Toil Tháis Théad Theoin

configura cola cháža cheona cheona chooa chooa cuara cuara tailor
a drove
purpose, project
a will
a strand
flock, drove
guide, troop
battle
fight, quarrel
Tuam

Cuaim Cuaim

uama octa tribe cave breast

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### Appendix IV.

### THE NOUNS OF THE FIFTH DECLENSION.

The letters in brackets give the termination of the genitive singular.

ob or aba, gen. abann, a river; pl. aibne or aibneaca. AONTA(-o), license, permission. Aug(-n). Isle of Arran: pl. Ainne. The Arran Isles. ana(-n), kidney.

beom (beomac), beer. masa(o), m., the upper part of the breast. bueiteam (an), m., a judge. buo(-n), a quern, handmill pl.

bnoince. caona(c), a sheep; pl caonis. cana(v), a friend; pl. canvoe.

catain(-thac), a city, fortress. cataoin(-neac), a chair. ceanoca(-n), a forge, smithy. ceatnama (-n), a quarter. clarr(-rac), a furrow. corrin(-rheac), a feast. comunra (-n), neighbour; pl. comungain. comta(-c), a gate, door.

compa(-n), a coffer, cupboard, coffin. conóin(-nac), a crown.

cháin(-nac), a sow. cú, gen. con, a hound; pl. coin, cona, hounds. cuil(-ac), a corner. cuirte(-ann), a pulse, vein. oáileam(-an), a cup-bearer.

vaip(-ac), an oak. ocanna(-n), palm of the hand. vite(-ann), flood, deluge; pl. Dileanna, Dileanaca

ealada(-n), science, learning. earaonta(-o), disagreement, disobedience.

earcú (compound of cú), an eel. eirin(-rheac), an oyster. eocam (eocnac), a key. eonna(-n) [or gen. same as nom.],

barley.

realram(-an), m., philosopher reiceam(an), m., debtor. reoin(-ac), The Nore. riożain(ac), a sign, mark. rice(ao), twenty. rożail(żlac), plunder. 5aba(-11), m., a smith; pl. 5aibne Snáin (Snánac), hatred,

zuala(-n), a shoulder; Zuailne, Zuailleaca.

ionga(-n), a nail (of the finger); pl. ingne. lača(-n), a duck,

Láin (Lánac), a mare. tánama(-n), a married couple. Larain (Larnac), a flame. tátain (táthac), a level plain. teaca(-n), m., a cheek; pl. Leacaineaca.

lunga(-n), the shin; pl lungne. mainircin'-cheac), a monastery. meanma(-n), the mind. mile(-ao), a soldier, warrior.

náma(-o), an enemy; pl. námoe noolais (noolas), Christmas. ollam(-an), a doctor, professor. peanra(-n), a person.

prajart (prajtac), a rule. nosa(-n), a choice; pl. nosnaca, nosameaca.

rail (ralac), a beam. reansa(-n),a cormorant. real (realac), a stallion. tal(-ac), a wedge.

ratam, gen. ratman, land. Ceamain (Ceampac) Tara. reansa(-n or o), tongue; ceansta.

reona(-n), boundary, limit. uille(-ann), an elbow. utca(-n), a beard.

unra(-n), a door-jamb.

# Appendix Y

### A LIST OF IRREGULAR VERBAL NOUNS.

VERB	MEANING.	VERBAL NOUN
Abain	say	pát
40muis	confess	Apmail
2011213		
bain	snatch, take*	baine
bern	bear, carry	breit
bliż	milk	bligion
bruit	cook	bpuič
buain	reap,	busing
o a con	20-21	
carll	lose	carlleamain
CAIĊ	throw, open, consume	carteam, cartearo
ceannuit	buy	ceannac
ceil	conceal	ceitc
céim	step	céim
Cinn	determine	cinneamain
claorò	defeat	claor
comeuo	watch, guard	comeuro
Connego		(corpleasan
corpuż	bless	corpleasaro
corrs	prevent	cors
compare	fight	compac
cozam	whisper	COZAN
congaib	keep	congbáil
coppuiz	stir. maye	coppuise
corain	defend	cornam, corame
che.o -	believe	Cheroeamaine
cuifi	put, send	Cup
0	F ,	
теантат	forget	roeamaro
roiot	sell	roiot
סוטוס	shut (M. move towards)	חוסונווןסי
סטוףיה ב	awake	σύιγελός, σύγξασ
1-3		, , , ,
éas	die	éas
éiliż	claim	éileam, éiliugao
éimis	rise, erise	éipije
éirc	listan	étrceacc
		•
raż	find, get	pażáil
rás	leave	rázáil
ran	wait	ranamaint

<sup>.</sup> To take a thing not offered is "barn;" but when offered, "5tac."

Verm. rár rear rear

reic reuc riarpuis rostuim roitt roipi rheardait

ruazain (rózain)

rulainz

Sab Sáifi Seall Séim Slaoó Sluair Soil

ianh impear imtis innip iomeath iompuis foc ional ional ionpuis

leag lean léig ling lomaip luig

maifi mait mear MEANING.

grow whistle pour out, shower

behold, look ask, enquire learn suit, fit help, succour attend, serve

announce, prociaim

suffer

saw

take, go
call, shout
promise
bellow, low
call
journey, go
weep
pray

try, ask, entreat contend, wrestle go away tell carry turn pay.

knock down

approach

follow let, allow leap strip, pull off lie (down)

live, exist forgive think VERBAL NOUN.

ráp reaptail reaptain reicrint reicannt riarnite rottuim roitleamaint rointin rpearoat ruagait

frazaine, ruazha frozha fruazaine, ruazha

Sabáil
Sáipm
Scallamain
Scallamain
Scimneacor Séimeaco
Slaocac
Slaocac
Sol
Sol
Sol

Inpland
Impear Sail
Impear Sail
Impear
Impine
Iomear
Iompód
Ioc
Ionlat
Ionnruige

Leagan Leanamaine Léigean Ling Lomaine Loi

Lomaine, Lompao Luige

maipeactain maitean maitean

VERBAT. NORM. VERB MEANING. nourish. orleamaint oit áL drink\* Át. sell neic nesc nérozeac nérocit arrange dance ninnce HIDDE nit M1C FILE divide HOIDE noinn think raoit raoilrin stand rearam rear play (an instrument) reinnm reinn separate rsapamaine r5411 destroy, erase rsmor ramor cease rsun rsum walk riubat riubail slav rlao rláo rnám swim mám stop סישביין TTAT ruroe git ruio give THIAGAT HIAGAS offer TAIRSTIN CAINS draw Cannains Eannains teach, instruct reasars CEASATS reits fling reitzean wind COCHAP COCHAIR lift CÓSÁIL CÓSAINE **c**65 search for, pursue COIPIZEACT בטוןוול forsaken, abandon THÉISEAN CHÉIS. understand cuigring, cuirging Cuis (cuilleam

### Appendix VI.

earn, deserve

alight, descend

### A LIST OF VERBS BELONGING TO FIRST CONJUGATION.

bac, stop, hinder, meddle, bain, snatch, take. báit, drown. béic, bawl. boς, soften.

cuill

cuinting

btiż, milk.
bnip, break.
bnitż, bruise.
busit, beat.
busit, give success.

Truitle amain

tuniling

Drunk, meaning intoxicated, is not olea, but " AN meir Se."

CAILL, lose. caoin, lament. cait, waste, spend, eat or cast. cam, bend, make crooked. can, sing. caoc, blind. car, twist, turn, wind, wry. ceap, think. ceao, allow, leave, permit. ceit, hide, conceal. cinn, resolve. cion, comb. claoro, defeat. ctaon, bend, crook corrs, stop, hinder. chait, shake. cnoc, hang. chero, believe, trust. cnit, tremble, quake. cnom, bend stoop,. chom an, set about. cum, form; shape. cuiji, put, send. cuin an bun, establish. cuin caoi ain, mend.

oaon, condemn, blame.
oeand, ascertain, assure.
oeand, look, observe, remark.
oeanman, forget.
om5, press, stuff, push.
oiot, sell.
oiot, sell.
oone, spill, shed.
onuro, shut, move.
ouat, plait, fold.
oun, close

éire, listen.

rain, watch, guard.
ráin, squeeze, crush.
pan, stay, wait, stop.
rán, grow.
reato, whistle.
reatl, deceive, cheak
reann, flay, strip.
rean, pour out, shower.
reuc, behold, look.

ritt, return, come back.
reuraim. I can.
rtiuc, wet, moisten, drench.
roitt, suit, fit.
roit, suit, fit.
roit, help, relieve, succour.
roitum, learn.

Såin, shout, call.
Seatt, promise.
Seanti, cut.
Séitt, obey, submit.
Stac, take, reserve.
Stan, cleanse.
Staorò, call.
Stuari, journey, travei, go.
Soro, steal
Soit, weep, lament.
Soin, wound.
Spiari, Sign, mark.
Surò, pray.

lapp, ask, seek, request, be seech. foc, pay, atone. it, eat

tar, light, kindle, blaze.
tea5, throw down.
tean, follow, pursue.
tei5, read.
tei5, grant, suffer, permit.
téim, leap.
tin5, leap, bounce, start,
tion, fill, surfeit, cram.
ton5, singe, scorch, burn.
téb, bend, crock.
turg, lie.

mann, last, exist, rensin.
mann, kill, murder.
mait, forgive.
maot, wet, steep.
meatt, deceive, defraud.
mear, estimate, think.
meac, fade, wither.
mitl, spoil, destroy.
mol, praise.
mún, teach, instruct.

nearz, tie, join. niż, wash.

oil, nurse, cherish.
oiμ, suit, fit.
ól, drink.

pléars, crack. pós, kiss. poll, pierce, penetrata. pneab, spring, leap.

peic, sell. peub, tear, burst. pri. run, flee. poinn, divide. puais, pursue, rout.

ráit, thrust, stab.
raot, ríl, reflect, thínk.
raot, deliver.
rzaotl, loose, let go.
rzut, cease, desist.
rear, stand.
réto, blow.

reot, teach, drive, sail.
renn, play (music).
rsqn, separate, divide.
rsqnor, sweep, scrape, destroy.
rit, drop, let fall, sink.
rin, stretch, extend.
rméro, beckon, wink.
rtung, swallow.
rnám, swim, float.
rcao ve, desira
ruro, sit.

caips, offer.
cacr, choke.
teit. flee.
to5, take up, lift.
tpeab, plough, till.
tpeab, plough, till.
tpeis, forsake, abundon.
tporo, fight, quarrel.
tuis, understand.
tuitl, earn, deserve.
tuitl, earn, deserve.

# Appendix VII.

### LIST OF SYNCOPATED VERBS.

αζαιμ, entreat (avenge). αιτιπ, recognize.

bazain, threaten.

carsain, slaughter.
ceansail, bind.
cisil, tickle.
coisil, spare.
cooail, sleep.
corain, defend.
cumil, rub.

oibin, banish.

eitil, fly.

różain, serve.
preazain, answer.
preazain, attend, serve.
(p)orzail, open.
puazain, proclaim.
pulainz, suffer.
purzail, relieve.

innip, tell.
ingil, graze.
imip, play.
ioméaip, carry.
ioóbaip, offer.

Labain, speak. tomain, strip, bare.

múrzail, awaken.

rattain, trample.

comail, consume, eat. cocail, root. tappaing, draw. τοέμαις, wind. τυιμίτης, descend.

reacain, avoid.						
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ENDINGS	OF THE REGULA	R VERBS IN	PRESENT-DAY			
	USA	GE.				
Broad	Terminations.	Blender 7	Cerminations.			
Im	perative.	Impe	erative.			
SING.	PLU.	SING.	PLU.			
1. —	{-amaoir (-amuir).	1. —	{-imir (-eamuir).			
2. [root]	-410		-1'Ö.			
3aô.	-aroir, -adaoir.	3eaō.	-roip.			
Prese	ent Tense.	Present Tense.				
	-amaoro, -amuro.	7sm.	-ımio (-ımıo).			
2ain.	-ann pib.	21 pt. 3eann.	-eann pib.			
3ann.						
Imp	erfect.	Imperfect.				
1ainn.	-amaoir (-amuir). -ao rib.	1inn.	-imir (-imir).			
2ts. 3 -47	-00 pib.	2tes. 3esò.	-eao pio.			
	-21.011 (-21.00.011)					
Pa	Bt.	Pas	it.			
1ar.	-amap.	1ear.	-eamap.			
2air. 3. [no ending	-aban.	21p. 8. [no ending	-eadan.			
o. [noendin	31 -2021.	o. Ino cuamp	j -ca oaja			
	ture.	Futu				
1rav.	-ramaoio (-ramuio)	1reao.	-rimio (-rimio).			
2 raiji.	-raio pib.	2riji. 8rio.	-pro pro.			
3 raio.	*Faro	0	-5.00			
Cond	Conditional. Conditional.					

1. -painn -ramaoir (-ramuir). 2. -pá. - דַאים דום. 3. -F40 -raroir (-rabaoir).

1. -rınn. 2. -reá. -rimir (-rimir). -read pib. 3. -rearo. ·rroir.

## Appendix IX.

#### EARLY MODERN FORMS OF THE VERBS.

#### 15.

We give only those forms which have not already been given in the body of the Grammar.

Dependent Present: -pab; (as in Jupab, that it is, vapab, to which or whom it is; munab, if it is not).

Obsolete Dependent Present: -αὁ; (as in χοπαὁ, that it is, υππαὁ, to which or whom it is). This form occurs frequently in early modern writers. A remnant of it is found in the word χιοὸ or χνὸ, though it is.

#### Past: ra.

The form pa of the past though frequently found in early modern writers is now obsolete.

Dependent Past: - u Da (sometimes written - u Do), as in Jun Da, that it was; oan Da, to whom or which it was; munan Da, if it was not; an Da, cas it non Da, it was not.

The full form of the Dependent Past, though sometimes found in early modern writers is now contracted to -no before vowels, and to -n before consonants.

Subjunctive: Támao (vá mbao), if it were; zémao (zé mbao), though it were,

#### TÁ.

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1.	_	bimir, biom.
2.	bí.	bíro, bíroro.
3.	bíoò	bíoír.

#### Present Tense.

ABSOLUTE.		DEPENDENT.		
1.	acáim	acámaoro.	puilim	ruitimio
2.	45401	<b>Α</b> ΕΛΈΛΟΙ.	ruile (-in)	ruitei.
3.	ATÁ	ΔΕΛΙΌ.	ruit	ruitio.

#### Habitual Present.

1.	bím	bimio
2.	bin	bíċi.
. 3.	bi(o)	bíro.

#### Past Tense.

## ABSOLUTE DEPENDENT.

1.	bádar	baman.	nabar	nabaman
	Bábair	baban.	nabair	plababapi.
3.	Bí	Bársan	naibe	nababan.

#### Future Tense.

1. 5140 biamaoro, biam,

2. 614111 biat soi. 3. biaio, bia

biaro.

# Relative : biar.

Conditional-Secondary Future. 1. Beinn béimír.

2. béiteá biad rib.

3. biaro, beit béroir.

### Subjunctive Mood. Present Tense.

madmaoio, padam. mabaro 2. nabain MADTAOI.

3. naibe MABAID.

### ENDINGS OF THE REGULAR VERBS IN EARLY MODERN IRISH

The following is a table showing the various endings of the regular verbs in Early Modern Irish. It is not intended that these forms should be learned by the student; they are given merely for reference :-

Br	oad Teri	minations.	Sler	der Termin	nations.
	Impera	tive.	Imperative.		
1. 2. 3.	root]	PLU. -am. -aiö. -(a)doip.	1. 2. 3.	[root]	PLU. -eani. -iô. -(1)oíp.
Present Tense.			Present T	ense.	
1. 2. 3.	-41m. -41p. -410.	-(a)maoro. -7401. -410.	1. 2. 3.		-(1)míro. -cí. -o.
Imperfect		Imperfect.			
1. 2. 3.	-Δ1nn. -τά. -Δ' <b>0.</b>	-amaoip. -taoi. -(a)daoip.	1. 2. 3.	-inn. -ceá. -eaò.	-(1)míp. -zí. -(1)víp.
Past.		Past.			
1. 2. 3.	-ar. -ar. (no endi	-amap. -abap. ng) -avap.	1. 2. 8.	-ear. -ir. (no ending).	-eathap. -eathap. -eathap.

#### Future.

#### Future.

	-rav.	-ram (4010)	1.	-rear-	-ream (rimíro).
	-Faigh	-raoi.	2.	-r1p.	-ri.
3.	-FA10.	-FAITO.	3.	-rio.	-r10.

#### Conditional

# Conditional

1.	-rainn.	-ramaoir.	1.	-rinn.	-rimir.
2.	-rá.	-raoi.	2.	-rea.	-rí.
8.	-rao	-rapagir.	3.	-reari.	-rroir.

### Irregular Yerbs.

It is principally in the future tense that the inflexions of the irregular verbs in Early Modern Usage differ from the forms now generally used.

### Future Tense.

	(no termination)	am (-maoio
2.	Alfi	C401.
3.	4	410.

The following verbs took no inflexion in the 3rd person singular of the present time. The forms in brackets are the dependent forms:—

Όο-δειμ (ταδαιμ), νειμ (αδαιμ), νο-ξειδ (ταξαιδ, ταξδαπη), νοξπί, νο-ζί (ταις), (cluin), τις, τέιν.

The following had no inflexion in the 1st person singular past tense:-

Acubant, (oubant), atconnac (raca) tanas, cuala, nanas.

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